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Retail sales continued quite active where honey was available and many producers appeared to have very little of their 1968 crop left. Bulk honey market showed some slight improvement. Bees generally were confined to hives as weather over most States has been rather severe with some exceptions. Honey plants and moisture conditions generally were reported to be about normal for this time of year.

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HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING JANUARY

These prices represent sales as reported by correspondent beekeepers and honey handlers. Because of the many thousands of beekeepers and handlers in the country, these should be considered as representative prices and not as full, complete coverage of all transactions for any State or area.

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLETS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE		1/ : PRICES & BASIS : : OF SALE 2/ :	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE		1/ : PRICES & BASIS : : OF SALE 2/ :
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA			MICHIGAN		
Extra White Orange (New Container)	15¢	f.o.b.	White Clover Alfalfa	16¢	del.
White Orange (New Container)	13¢	f.o.b.	Light Amber Mixed Flower	15½¢	del.
White Sage (New Container)	13½¢	f.o.b.	White Clover	13¢	del.
Light Amber Alfalfa	12½-13¢	del.	WISCONSIN		
Extra Light Amber Sage-Buckwheat	13½¢	f.o.b.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	14½¢	del.
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA			White Clover(Container Returned)	14½¢	
White Sage	13½-14¢	del.	OHIO		
Extra Light Amber Limf Bean-Alfalfa	13¢	del.	White Clover	14¢	del.
Light Amber Alfalfa			Mixed Fall Flowers	13¢	del.
(New Cans-Small Lot)	11½¢	del.	Light Clover	15¢	del.
Light Amber Alfalfa (Small Lot)	11¢	f.o.b.	LOUISIANA		
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA			White Clover	13¢	del.
White Alfalfa-Clover	13½¢	f.o.b.	Mixed Clover Light Amber	17¢	del.
MONTANA			fixed Dark	11 3/4¢	del.
White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	14½¢	f.o.b.			
White Clover and Alfalfa	15¢	f.o.b.			
WYOMING					
Light to White Clover Alfalfa	19¢	del.			
ARIZONA					
Extra Light Amber Alfalfa Cotton	12½¢	f.o.b.			
White Mesquite	13½¢	f.o.b.			
Light Amber Mixed Flowers	11½¢	f.o.b.			
ARKANSAS					
Dark Amber Honeydew Vine	13½¢	del.			
Light Amber White Cotton Soybean	15¢	del.			
Light Amber to White Cotton Soybean	15¢	f.o.b.			
KANSAS					
Extra Light Amber Alfalfa to Sweet Clover	14½¢	del.			

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	Sales To		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 60-LB. CANS PER LB.</u>				
WASH.	Light Sweet Clover	-	-	21½¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	20¢
	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa Clover	-	-	15¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	-	19¢
	White Clover and Alfalfa	-	-	18½¢
WYOMING	Light To White Clover Alfalfa	-	-	19¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	19¢	-
	White Clover Alfalfa Cotton	13½¢	-	-
NEBR.	Light Clover	-	-	18 1/3¢
KANSAS	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	19¢
MICH.	White Clover	-	-	15¢
WISC.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	18¢	-	-
	Alfalfa Clover	15¢	-	-
	White Clover	19¢	-	-
MINN.	White to Extra White Clover Basswood	-	-	20¢
	White Clover	-	-	20-22¢
ILL.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	15¢	-	-
OHIO	Light Clover	-	20¢	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Mixed Flower	-	-	20¢
	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	-	20¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	17-20¢	-
MD.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	-	16 2/3¢
	Light and Dark Variety Clover Thistle Linden	18¢	20¢	25¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark	15-20¢	-	-
FLA.	Light Tupelo	34¢	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 5-lb. JARS</u>				
WASH.	Light Sweet Clover	-	25¢	27¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	30¢
	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa Clover	-	-	20¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	24¢	28¢
	White Clover and Alfalfa	-	-	25¢
WYOM.	Light to White Clover Alfalfa	-	-	25¢
ARK.	Dark Amber Honeydew Vine	-	30¢	49¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	23¢	-
NEBR.	Light Clover	-	-	27¢
MICH.	White Clover Alfalfa	18¢	-	25¢
	White Clover	-	-	22¢
WISC.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	21¢	-
	White Clover	23½¢	-	20¢
MINN.	White to Extra White Clover Basswood	-	10½¢	-
	White Clover	-	-	27-29¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	24¢	-
	Light Clover	-	23¢	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Mixed Flower	-	-	30¢
	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	25¢	30-35¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	29¢	37¢
	Light Amber Clover and Wild Flower	-	28¢	35¢
MD.	Light and Dark Variety Clover Thistle Linden	30¢	30¢	35¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark	25¢	-	-
LA.	Mixed Clover Light Amber	12 1/3¢	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 12, 2 - LB. JARS</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
WASH.	Light Sweet Clover	-	7.50	66 2/3¢
COLO.	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa Clover	-	7.00	-
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	6.90	73¢
	White Clover and Alfalfa	-	-	60¢
ARK.	Light Amber to White Cotton Soybean	-	7.80	79¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	5.25	-
	Light Clover	-	7.00	-
WISC.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	5.95	-
	White Clover	6.30	-	-
MINN.	White to Extra White Clover Basswood	-	6.90	73¢
	White Clover	-	6.80	69-71¢

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PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 12, 2 - LB. JARS (Continued)</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OHIO	White Clover	-	6.90	-
	Light Clover	-	6.25	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Mixed Flower	-	7.18	79¢
	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	7.68	79¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	7.80	85¢
MD.	Light and Dark Light Variety Clover Thistle			
	Linden	3.72	3.72	32¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark	7.50	-	-
FLA.	Light to Extra Light Amber Tupelo	9.00	9.35	85¢
	Amber 2½-lb.	7.30	9.00	1.00
	Light Tupelo	9.50	-	-
LA.	Mixed Dark	7.20	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1 - LB. JARS</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
COLO.	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa Clover	-	7.50	-
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	7.40	42¢
	White Clover and Alfalfa	-	-	31 2/3¢
ARK.	Light Amber to White Cotton Soybean	-	8.40	49¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.00	-
	Light Clover	-	7.50	-
WISC.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	6.10	-
	White Clover	6.72	-	-
MINN.	White to Extra White Clover Basswood	-	7.35	-
	White Clover	-	7.10	39-41¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	7.20	-
	Light Clover	-	6.95	-
	Medium Dark Mixed Flower	-	7.70	45¢
	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	7.68	40-45¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	8.40	45¢
	Light Amber Clover and Wild Flower	-	7.20	40¢
MD.	Light and Dark Variety Clover Thistle Linden	8.37	8.90	47¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark	7.50	-	-
FLA.	Light to Light Amber Tupelo	9.50	9.85	50¢
	Amber	5.90	7.00	-
	Light Tupelo	10.50	-	-
LA.	Mixed Clover Light Amber	7.40	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8 - OZ. JARS</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
ARK.	Light Amber to White Cotton Soybean	-	6.00	30¢
OKLA.	Light Clover	-	4.20	-
WISC.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	4.25	-
	White Clover	4.10	-	-
MINN.	White to Extra White Clover Basswood	-	4.60	25¢
	White Clover	-	4.40	29¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	4.20	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Mixed Flower	-	4.52	25¢
	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	4.80	25-29¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	5.00	28¢
	Light Amber Clover and Wild Flower	-	4.56	25¢
FLA.	Light to Light Amber Tupelo	5.65	6.00	30¢
LA.	Mixed Clover Light Amber	4.30	-	-
<u>SECTION COMB 24</u>				
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa 24, 12-oz.	-	9.50	53¢
MINN.	White Clover 24, 13-oz.	-	10.80	60-65¢
OHIO	Light Clover 24, 14-oz.	-	10.00	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Mixed Flower 24, 12-oz.	-	-	69¢
	Amber Mixed Flower 24, 14-16 oz.	-	12.00	75-79¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed 24, 12-oz.	-	10.80	60¢
	Light Amber Clover and Wild Flower 24, 13-oz.	-	12.24	65¢
MD.	Light and Dark Light Variety Clover Thistle			
	Linden	9.60	9.80	55¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark 24, 12-oz.	10.40	-	-

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		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		:(Generally Delivered):(Generally Delivered):(Local Sales)		
<u>BULK COMB CHUNK PACK</u>				
MINN.	White Clover 1-lb.	-	10.80	60-65¢
OHIO	White Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	9.00	-
	Light Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	8.75	-
MD.	Light and Dark Variety Clover Thistle Linden	9.60	9.80	55¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark 12, 2½-lb.	10.50		
FLA.	Amber 12, 2½-lb.	8.75	9.50	-
<u>CREAMED HONEY</u>				
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa 12, 16-oz.	-	4.20	44¢
	White Clover and Alfalfa 12, 20-oz.	-	-	40¢
ARK.	Light Amber to White Cotton Soybean 16 oz.	-	-	50¢
WISC.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower 12, 15-oz.	-	3.50	-
	White Clover 12, 13-oz.	3.60	-	-
MINN.	White to Extra White Clover Basswood 24, 12-oz.	-	6.00	33¢
	White Clover 24, 12 oz.	-	6.30	39¢
OHIO	White Clover 1-lb.	-	8.00	-
N.Y.	Amber Mixed Flower 1-lb.	-	12.00	69-75¢

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN DRUMS

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE		PRICES & BASIS:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE 1/		PRICES & BASIS:
		OF SALE 2/			OF SALE 2/
COLORADO			FLORIDA		
	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	14¢ f.o.b.		Dark Titi (Container Exchanged)	10½¢
	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa Clover	13½¢ del.		Amber	10¢ del.
MONTANA				Light Tupelo	27¢ f.o.b.
	White Clover and Alfalfa	14½¢ del.	LOUISIANA		
ARKANSAS				White Clover	13¢ del.
	Dark Amber Honeydew Vine	13½¢ del.		Mixed Dark	11 3/4¢ del.
	Light Amber to White Cotton Soybean	15¢ del.			
NEBRASKA					
	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	14½¢ f.o.b.			
WISCONSIN					
	White Clover (Container Returned)	14½¢			
MINNESOTA					
	Light Basswood Sweet Clover	15¢ del.			

SALES OF BEESWAX

STATE AND COLOR		PRICES & BASIS:	STATE AND COLOR		PRICES & BASIS:
		OF SALE 2/			OF SALE 2/
COLORADO			KANSAS		
	Light	68¢ f.o.b.		Light Lemon	67¢ f.o.b.
	Lemon Yellow	68¢ del.	MICHIGAN		
MONTANA				Light	70¢ del.
	Yellow	68¢ f.o.b.	WISCONSIN		
	Lemon	68¢ f.o.b.		Light	68¢ del.
	Light	68¢ f.o.b.		Light	68¢ f.o.b.
ARIZONA			OHIO		
	Yellow	58¢ del.		Light	70¢ del.
	Dark	65¢ f.o.b.	MARYLAND		
ARKANSAS				Light	60¢ f.o.b.
	Yellow	60¢ del.		Dark	60¢ f.o.b.
IOWA			VIRGINIA		
	Dark	65¢ del.		Light	68¢ del.
	Light	68¢ del.		Dark	65¢ del.
LOUISIANA			KENTUCKY		
	Light	56¢ del.		Dark	65¢ del.
				Yellow	68¢ del.

FOOTNOTES FOR PAGES 1-4

1/ State of origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term "clover" includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping points; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

HONEY PRODUCTION
1968 ANNUAL SUMMARY
Released January 21, 1969
By Statistical Reporting Service

Honey production during 1968 totaled 200,081,000 pounds, down 10 percent from 1967 and the smallest honey crop since 1944, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The 1968 production per colony averaged 41.9 pounds, compared with 46.3 pounds a year earlier. The 1968 crop was produced by 4,770,000 colonies, one percent less than the number of colonies in 1967. Beeswax production in 1968 totaled 3,960,000 pounds, a decrease of 13 percent from 1967.

In mid-December, producers reported 43 million pounds of honey on hand for sale compared with 59 million pounds a year earlier. Stocks in mid-December represented 21 percent of the 1968 honey production, compared to 26 percent in 1967.

The 1968 season was unfavorable in most areas of the United States. Spring weather was generally cool and wet followed by dry conditions later in the season in many of the important producing States. Production in California was about half as large as last year. However, Florida's production was 16 percent larger than a year ago.

The Nation's beekeepers received an average of 16.9 cents per pound for 1968 sales of all honey. This compares with the 1967 average price of 15.6 cents. Prices were higher in 1968 for most types of honey sold at both wholesale and retail.

Unprocessed bulk honey averaged 12.9 cents per pound, up one-half cent from a year earlier. Sales of processed bulk honey averaged 16.0 cents per pound compared with 14.8 cents per pound in 1967. Processed packaged honey was 23.8 cents per pound, about a cent higher than the average of 22.5 cents a year earlier. Extracted honey in wholesale lots, at 14.7 cents per pound, was also about a penny higher than in 1967.

Retail sales of extracted honey averaged 30.6 cents per pound in 1968, compared with 29.7 cents in 1967. This is the first year that the price has exceeded 30 cents per pound. Because of the declining importance of comb and chunk honey, wholesale and retail sales were combined for the first time this year. The price of all chunk honey was 29.8 cents per pound, down from 30.7 cents in 1967. Sales of all comb honey averaged 40.0 cents per pound, compared with 38.4 cents a year earlier.

The price of beeswax increased for the sixth consecutive year. The price of beeswax averaged 61.6 cents per pound compared with 58.8 cents per pound in 1967 and 46.6 cents per pound in 1966.

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packages, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for market where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days (10). Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of January. Sixty pound cans are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated. Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand good. Market unsettled. Arrivals 277,000 lbs. domestic white clover. Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and retailers.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.15
	1 Mark		7.80-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25
	Promotional Discount		3.85
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.48
	1 Mark		4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35

CREAMED:

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.50

CHICAGO: Demand good. Market firm. Brokers and packers sales to wholesalers and other users.

EXTRACTED: 60-lb. Cans Per lb. White Clover 16-17
 Small lots 19-19½¢
 Light Amber 15-16¢
 Small lots 17¢

6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.40

CREAMED HONEY

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.00
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CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady.

Arrivals 36,131 lbs. Brokers' sales to wholesalers and large retailers

EXTRACTED: 16-lb. Tins White Clover 18¢, Light Amber 16¢

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.45-7.30

Plastic Cream Honey

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	4.55
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.75
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.30

Plastic Squeeze

12,	1-lb.	Honey With Comb	4.95
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
6,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.75
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Supplies light. Market steady. Brokers sales to retailers. Brokers sales to retailers Colo.-Nebr.-New Mexico-Kansas 60-lb. tins Light Amber 17¢ Quality White 20¢

EXTRACTED:

6,	4-oz.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75

DENVER: (Continued)

EXTRACTED:

12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand fairly good. Market firm to slightly stronger. Arrivals 100,386 lbs. domestic. Brokers and packers sales to retailers and wholesalers of mixed flowers mostly white clover and light amber-

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	3-lb.	Jars	7.25
24,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75-6.30
24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.55-3.85
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.30-3.35

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer wholesale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight flavors: White or better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.65
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Server Jar	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Plastic Squeeze Bottles--

12,	12-oz.	Bottles	4.20-4.35
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Blended Flavors-- Extra Light Amber

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

Plastic Squeeze Bottles Discontinued

CREAMED HONEY--

White Orange Clover According to Quality--

12,	1-lb.	Bowl	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Blended Flavors

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.25
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Chunk Pack (Bulk Comb) Honey

Clover Sage--

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75

Section Comb Clover-White

12,	9-oz.	Sections	6.50
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Safflower Straight Flavor Light Amber--

12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.00

MINNEAPOLIS: Demand good. Market stronger. Producer sales to brokers delivered Minneapolis basis by truck in 60-lb. tins Minnesota white sweet clover 25-55 gallon drums at 13½¢ with container exchanged Light Amber Mixed Flowers none. Sales to jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis--

Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy			
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.95
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	4.95
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.10
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.35
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.60
CREAMED HONEY--			
6,	2-lb.	Spread	3.95
12,	10-oz.	Cup Spread	2.80
CUT COMB			
12,	10-oz.	Packages	5.25

NEW YORK: Arrivals by boat in cases-- England 255, Germany 30, Jamaica 25, Czechoslovakia 50; in drums Mexico 608; in cartons Greece 220. Importers and wholesalers sales to trade, bakers and large users including per lb. EX DOCK Mexico Tins 15-16¢, 28 lb drums 14-15¢, 650 lb. Argentina 16¢ Chile 15½¢, Midwest Drums white clover 17-18¢, Texas Extra Light 14½-14½¢, Blended Buckwheat Ohio 17¢ Light Amber 17¢

Processed Packages and Brokers' sales to wholesalers and retailers white clover--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
6,	3-lb.	Jars	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2-lb. 8 oz.	Jars	4.75
Honey Spread--			
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Dolls	4.35
6,	5-lb.	Tins Ohio Clover	7.25
6,	5-lb.	Jars Clover	6.95
Blended Extra Light--			
6,	5-lb.	Tins	7.25-7.45
4,	5-lb.	Jars	5.55
2,	2-lb.	Jars	6.85
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.15
24,	5-oz.	Jars	3.40
24,	3-lb.	Jars	6.20
6,	5-lb.	Jars Plastic	6.90
Bulk Honey 60-lb. Tins			
24,	12-lb.	Tins	25¢
Drums 650 lbs.			

Beeswax - Demand fair. Supplies scarce. Arrivals by boat-- in bags Guatemala 26, Haiti 21, Chile 82, Yugoslavia 108, Mexico 595; in blocks-- West Africa 188, Portugal 159; in cases-- Germany 18; in trays-- West Africa 100. EX DOCK Number per lb. Actual sales and offerings to dealers, refiners and importers AFRICA 82-84¢, CHILE 89-92¢, MEXICO 87-90¢, SAN DOMINGO 82-86¢, ETHIOPIA 79-81¢, High as 87¢, HAITI 80-82¢, PUERTO RICO 78-80¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals by rail and truck domestic 165,630 lbs. Sales by repackers to retailers, chains, bakers and other large users.

EXTRACTED: Domestic drums & 60-lb. tins per lb.
White Clover Extra Light 18½¢,
Light Amber 17½¢.

6,	2-lb.	Jars	3.15-3.25
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.80-4.90
6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.85-6.90
6,	8 3/4-lb.	Tins	11.00-11.10
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.30-2.40
12,	16-oz.	Jars	3.30-3.40
12,	1-lb.	Jars	9.05-9.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.10-4.20
24,	26-oz.	Jars	6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals by truck mostly midwestern 60,246 lbs. Brokers' sales to large wholesalers and large retailers' outlets.

EXTRACTED: Clover and Light Amber--

6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	3-lb.	Jars	5.10
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.05
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.75
CREAMED HONEY--			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50

PORTLAND: Market steady. Supplies adequate.

Demand fair, however normal distribution disrupted by adverse weather conditions. Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and large buyers.

EXTRACTED: 60-lb. Tins Per CWT.				15.95
6,	5-lb.	Tins	5.00-5.90	
12,	8-oz.	Jars	6.90	
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.30	
12,	24-oz.	Jars Clover Fireweed	6.00	
12,	10-oz.	Jars Creamed Cup	2.85	
12,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.80	
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottle	3.85	
12,	1-lb.	Spun Fireweed	4.15	
Idaho--				
12,	12-oz.	Clover Orange Sage	3.30	
12,	1-lb.	Clover	3.35	
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Sage Clover Orange	4.65	
12,	2½-lb.	Jars Clover Fireweed	8.80	
12,	1-lb.	Comb in Jar	5.75	

SAN FRANCISCO: Market firm but generally unchanged.

Honey packer wholesale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or better Orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.67-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	plastic squeeze bottles	4.29

SAN FRANCISCO: (Continued)EXTRACTED: (Continued)

Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--			
6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.02-6.76
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.00-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	
		Bottles	4.67-4.68

CREAMED: White Orange-Clover, According to Quality--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.69-3.97
24,	12-oz.	Jars (Spun)	7.88

CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb): Clover-Sage--

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.56-3.87
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.83-6.17

VARIOUS BLENDS: Mostly light amber alfalfa mixture; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users 60 lb. cans and drums (Containers Returned) 15-18¢ Occ Higher.

SEATTLE: Demand slow to moderate. Market slightly stronger. Sales to wholesalers, chains and other large buyers of clover and alfalfa light amber or better unless otherwise stated--

EXTRACTED:

12,	5-lb.	Tins	14.40
12,	4-lb.	Tins	10.90
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.00-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Jars	8.80
12,	2½-lb.	Tins	7.50-7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75-4.65
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.75
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-5.25
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	
		Bottles	4.15-4.35

SEATTLE: (Continued)EXTRACTED: (Continued)

Fireweed--			
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	8.00
Orange and Sage--			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
Orange--			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
Apple--			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
Creamed			
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	
		Bottles	4.65
12,	20-oz.	Plastic Cups	4.95
12,	1½-lb.	Jars Spun	6.25-6.75
12,	12-oz.	Bottles	3.25
24,	16-oz.	Cups Spun	8.20
24,	12-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
		Honey	6.60
12,	10-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
		Honey	3.25
24,	10-oz.	Cups	6.00-6.30
Comb Honey Clover U.S. One			
12,	12-oz.	Packages	5.25

ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market steady.

Arrivals none. Brokers' sales to bakers--

EXTRACTED per lb. Light Amber 17¢ White Clover 19¢. Wholesalers sales to chains and Large retailers--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.25
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Creamed	4.55
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Glass	4.55
24,	11-oz.	Comb	9.00

CALIFORNIA POINTS:

Weather for all California Districts during the first half of January - During the first half of January heavy fog occurred in the central valleys and in the north coastal valleys with average temperatures 5 degrees below normal over most of this area. It was cold in the Cascades, but much above normal in the Sierras and south of the Tehachapis. Light scattered precipitation occurred during the period with generally heavy rains toward midmonth. Some flooding occurred in Northern California. The snowpack at Norden at the 7,000 foot level in the Sierras, at midmonth measured 90 inches.

Weather for all California Districts during the last half of January - Temperatures were well above normal at most locations during the last half of January. Rainfall was unusually heavy in all parts of the State, with major flooding in many locations. Seasonal rainfall has exceeded the July 1 to date normal and is at or near the July 1-June 30 normal. Rainfall in the Imperial Valley was the heaviest for any January on record. Colder weather toward the end of the period resulted in the snow level lowering to 500 feet in the northern Sierras. The snowpack at Norden, at the 7,000 foot level in the Sierras, was 175 inches at the end of the month.

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - Cold, foggy weather prevailed over the northern two-thirds of California but dry weather continued in the southern desert and coastal regions until midmonth. Warm, heavy rains covered the entire State during the last half of January, generally changing the outlook for beekeepers. With the warmer weather and longer days, broodrearing started and was encouraged by supplemental feeding.

Colony conditions were mostly favorable with mostly adequate stores of honey and pollen. However, some colonies weakened earlier by pesticides and some that went into the winter light on stores are needing attention and a few have died. Feeding of pollen was increasing in the shipping areas where early shaking was desired.

Movement of colonies to almonds for pollination was slowed by wet, muddy roads and fields. Almond bloom can be expected by mid February and unless orchards dry rapidly, not all beekeepers will be able to follow through with pollination contracts. Movement of colonies elsewhere in the State was light during January. A few were moved to coastal areas for the spring buildup and some were placed adjacent to citrus locations. Spraying of almond orchards generally has been completed.

Very few honey plants were available to bees during January. In a few coastal areas, manzanita was blooming as well as eucalyptus, mustard, and wild radishes. Cold, rainy weather prevented bees from working the eucalyptus blooming in the central valleys. Some eucalyptus and miscellaneous weeds were being worked in southern California.

Prospects for honey plants improved greatly with the January rains. In southern California, there had been very little plant growth due to the extremely dry weather during the fall and early winter. In the central valleys, plants made abundant early growth but had been slowed by cold weather. Beekeepers expect a better-than-usual cover crop bloom, since wet fields will prevent early discing. Some southern areas where fire damaged plant life last summer and fall, erosion from the heavy rain has done even more

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Continued)

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts (Continued)
damage. Prospects for a sage and buckwheat honey crop have improved but will depend upon spring rains.

Southern California (First half of January)
Demand at retail was seasonally normal. Export trading was reported to be fairly good.

Southern California (Last half of January)
Honey dealers reported beekeeper offerings light. Demand at retail was seasonally normal. Export trading was reported to be moderate.

Northern and Central California (First half of January) - Beekeeper offerings increased after the first of the year and packers reported buying virtually all lots offered. Demand from retail outlets was good to very good for available supplies. Demand from bakeries and other commercial users was seasonally normal. A shortage of certain sizes of glass containers continues. Increased glass costs have created a cost-price squeeze for packers. Export trading was nominal.

Northern and Central California (Last half of January) Beekeeper offerings continued light, especially on darker grades. Packers were active and virtually all lots offered were purchased. Demand from retail outlets ranged from good to very good, and from bakeries and commercial users normal. Heavy rains during much of the period tended to limit offerings and movement to packers. Export interest improved, but little if any exportable grade honey was available. A steady, moderate volume of light colored honey packaged in consumer containers continued to move to export markets. Some sizes of consumer containers were in short supply and disrupted normal packing schedules.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES:

Oregon - No market conditions were reported. Bees were confined to winter quarters. Heavy rain and snow conditions prevailed most of the month. Feed stores were light with bees being fed feed substitutes.

Washington - Weather during the period has been extremely cold with generally heavy snow State wide. Most beekeepers have had little opportunity to check hives but consensus is that bees that went into the winter in good shape are not likely to suffer to any large degree from cold. Colonies continued in generally good condition. Weather West of the Cascades--snowfall was heavy and more than usual for the month. Temperatures during first week of the month averaged 2-4 degrees above normal but since then averaged 4-15 degrees below normal.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES:

Colorado - The Southeastern area because of the poor crop in 1968, had very little honey available. Local sales were about normal with some honey brought in from other areas to supply normal demands. No interest was reported in bulk honey. Colony conditions were fairly good with little loss reported. Soil conditions remain dry. The Southwest area reported sales direct to consumers normal. Packers were returning used containers to producers. Bees were flying daily for approximately the past 2 weeks. Temperatures were much above

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES: (Continued)Colorado - (Continued)

normal and conditions were very dry. Western area market conditions were reported strong because of short crop conditions. Colony conditions were unreported, but bees have had much needed cleansing flights during the past period due to moderate temperatures.

Montana - The southern area reported an active wholesale market. Colony conditions were average to good with bees wintering well. In the central portion market conditions were reported slowing due to a short crop with producers holding for higher prices. Moisture and colony conditions were reported about average. In the northern area the market was quiet though generally stronger with more strength expected. Weather was cold with plenty of snow. From the northeast area, market conditions were not reported. Colony conditions were reported as questionable because severe weather conditions prevailed. The northwestern area reported a fair demand with the market trending stronger. Snow cover was heavy.

Nevada - Market conditions were very good at retail levels. Colonies were reported generally fair to good with feeding expected in February as stores became depleted. Clusters were good and flight activity fair early in the period. Storms brought heavy rainfall though higher elevations had normal snow. Honey plants were in fine condition with more moderate temperatures breaking a long period of below normal weather conditions.

Wyoming - Market conditions were reported fair to good locally with most bulk honey sold. Colony conditions were difficult to determine as the weather had been cold and stormy the past 6 weeks. If these conditions continue it is expected that much feeding will be necessary before spring. Generally moisture conditions were slightly below normal.

ARIZONA:

Supplies of honey were reported very light. Colony conditions generally were just fair. Many bees were lost during the winter because stores were not built up during the cotton blooming season and the use of insecticides at that time. Honey plants were in good condition after the early January rains.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES:

Arkansas - Local retail marketing was reported active, but packer demand was poor and market dull. Colony conditions generally were normal, some very good and some very poor. The fall flow was spotty but mostly good on wild aster. Flight periods were adequate. Some colonies were short on pollen. Honey plant conditions and moisture were normal.

Oklahoma - Demand for honey was reported generally slow. Colonies were in good to fair condition with occasional cleansing flights. Stores running light in some instances with extensive feeding expected. Weather has been warm with adequate moisture.

Texas - Market conditions were generally good at retail levels. The beeswax market in the southern area is slightly lower with plentiful supplies. Colony conditions were good with fine clusters. Occasional flights of bees occurred as the weather has been very mild with 80 degree temperatures in January. Vetch acreage will again be low but some

SOUTHWESTERN STATES: (Continued)

Texas - (Continued) needed moisture in the northeast could remedy this. Other areas reported ample moisture.

PLAINS STATES:

Iowa - Market conditions were mostly good at retail levels. With minor exceptions colonies were in good condition. Cleansing flights were needed to clear colonies, but with continued cold weather this is not likely. Honey plants were dormant and moisture appears adequate with approximately 25 inches of snow in some areas.

Kansas - Retail market conditions were reported about normal. Colony conditions were good. Cleansing flights should be made. Some cluster rearrangement necessary as some stores seem poorly arranged in the hives. Moisture and honey plant conditions apparently excellent due to a mild winter.

Missouri - Retail demand excellent. Colonies were in good condition with a needed cleansing flight about the middle of January. Plenty of soil moisture reported.

Nebraska - The southern area reported fair market conditions. Conditions of colonies, honey plants and moisture good. The eastern area reported an active demand. Colonies were mainly in good condition but some cleansing flights were needed as weather has been extremely cold. Moisture was adequate at this time.

CENTRAL STATES:

Illinois - The east central area reported market conditions as only fair. Colonies appeared to have ample stores early in the season but some beekeepers were concerned as the stores now appear light for this time of year. No information was available on moisture and honey plant condition.

Indiana - The market was steady though retail sales were slow. Colony conditions were reported very good with a mild winter. Bees could use some cleansing flights. Honey plant and moisture conditions were excellent.

Michigan - Market conditions were reported as fair. Some glass containers were still reported in short supply. Colony conditions generally were normal with a few flights in fairly mild weather. Moisture was apparently adequate.

Minnesota - Market conditions were reported firm at local retail levels. Colony conditions were not determined at this time as weather has been very severe. Some heavy feeding was reported as necessary but unable to accomplish as snow is very deep in some areas. Beekeepers expecting a 50 percent loss in bee population as a result.

Ohio - Market conditions were reported excellent. Colony conditions were good with two cleansing flights reported late in January. Mild winter reported no far with stores and moisture adequate.

Wisconsin - Market conditions were especially good with an excellent demand for one pound jars. Colony conditions questionable at this time as heavy snow has curtailed most activity. Moisture conditions good; abundant with snow.

NORTHEASTERN STATES:

Massachusetts - Market conditions were reported good. Colonies have had some good cleansing

NORTHEASTERN STATES:(Continued)

Massachusetts - (Continued) flights. Stores appeared ample. Moisture reported sufficient.

New Jersey - The honey market was good at retail sales levels. Also the market on beeswax to candle factories was good. Colonies have had some good cleansing flights with proper normal wintering. Moisture and conditions of plants appeared normal for this time of year.

New York - Market conditions continued good with a brisk movement. Most colonies appeared in excellent condition but no good cleansing flights reported lately due to the heavy snow cover. In some areas glass containers were still in short supply. Moisture reported ample.

Pennsylvania - Market conditions were mostly good with stock moving steadily. Generally colonies were in good condition with occasional cleansing flights. Winter stores and moisture seem adequate.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES: Maryland -

The market conditions were excellent with most stocks moved. Colony conditions appeared mostly good; however, some cleansing flights were needed in the western end of the State but central and eastern areas have had periodic flights. Recent rains have helped honey plants and moisture conditions were fairly good, although more rain will be needed before spring.

South Carolina - The central portion reported no crop due to the dry spring. Colonies wintering well despite cold weather. Moisture good. Plants dormant.

Kentucky - The market was spotty with good movement in some areas and no sales reported in others. Colony conditions were reported excellent with occasional cleansing flights during a mild winter. Moisture conditions reported ample.

Tennessee - Market conditions were reported good with most of the honey crop moved. Colony conditions were good with adequate stores and occasional cleansing flights when needed. Plant conditions good with some red maple in heavy bud with only continued warmer weather needed for several days in order to bring on the regular seasonal bloom. Moisture conditions about normal.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES:

Florida - No market conditions were reported but most honey was reported all sold. Colony conditions were reported fairly good with bees building up slowly for the citrus bloom about March 1. The northwestern area reported bad weather although occasional flights during the past several weeks has netted some pollen and nectar. Feeding was necessary in some areas although colonies generally were in good condition. Most honey plants were dormant except those in South Florida. Moisture was generally adequate.

Georgia - Weather was still dry in most part of South Georgia and temperatures have been slightly below normal during January. There has been some bee activity lately and bees bringing in some pollen from red bud maple. Titi was due to bloom about February 10. In South Georgia, bees were about 2 weeks late in brood raising, although they are normal to slightly above normal condition for both honey and bees. Hives run about three frames per brood. Rain was needed, but there have been fewer than normal forest fires. Probably 25 percent of beekeepers in South Georgia finding it necessary to do some feeding, but not nearly on the large scale of last winter. Too early to tell about demand for queens and package bees. Possibly more on that in another month. In central and north Georgia, bees were generally dormant. Were few flights around middle of month, but not for long duration. Colonies were normal in central and north Georgia and no feeding to date. Practically no honey in producers hands. No glass jars were available and some beekeepers have used fruit jars. To date no commitments from glass companies as to when jars may be made available.

Louisiana - Market conditions were mostly good. Colony conditions were reported spotty with some in good and some in poor condition. Clover was beginning to bloom and this should help the weaker colonies recover. Moisture was normal.

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Market conditions generally were reported as firm where honey was available and supplies were light in some areas. Movement of bulk honey has been good with buyers showing increased interest because of shortages in some areas.

Colony conditions generally were considered good except in some northern areas with heavy snow. Limited bee movement on warmer days with some light gathering of pollen and honey in the far south. Some feeding is still in progress in areas where stores were low.

Plant and moisture conditions mostly were reported as good to excellent.

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HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING FEBRUARY

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PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLEERS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE			1/	:PRICES & BASIS	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE			1/	:PRICES & BASIS			
			:	OF SALE	2/	:				:	OF SALE	2/
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA					NEBRASKA							
White Sage (Small Lots)			14¢	del.	White or Better Clover				15½¢	f.o.b.		
White Orange (Small Lots)			13¢	del.	MICHIGAN							
Light Amber Alfalfa (Small Lots)			13¢	del.	White Clover				15¢	del.		
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA					Light Amber Fall Clover				14¢	del.		
Light Amber Alfalfa (Small Lots)			11-11½¢	del.	ILLINOIS							
Safflower-Alfalfa (Small Lots)			11¢	del.	Light Amber Legumes				15¢	del.		
OREGON					Clover and Mixed Honey				15¢	f.o.b.		
White to Extra White Clover			14¢	f.o.b.	OHIO							
COLORADO					Light Clover				15¢	del.		
White Alfalfa Sweet Clover			15¢	del.	PENNSYLVANIA							
IDAHO					Light Amber Clover Mixed				17-20¢	del.		
White Alfalfa and Clover			14½¢	del.	LOUISIANA							
ARIZONA					Light Amber Mixed Clover				17¢	del.		
Extra Light Amber Alfalfa-Cotton			12½¢	del.								
Light Amber Mixed Flowers			11½¢	del.								
TEXAS												
Light Amber Brush			14¢	f.o.b.								
White Orange			14¢	f.o.b.								
ARKANSAS												
Amber Mixed for Dark Soybean			13½¢	del.								
Amber Mixed For Light Soybean			14½¢	del.								
NORTH DAKOTA												
White Sweet Clover Alfalfa			14½¢	f.o.b.								
SOUTH DAKOTA												
Water White to White Clover												
Sweet Alfalfa			15½¢	del.								

PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	WHOLESALE	SALES TO RETAILERS	TO CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
EXTRACTED HONEY 60-LB. CANS PER LB.				
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	16 2/3¢	-
WASH.	Light Alfalfa	-	-	20¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	18 1/3¢
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	19¢	20½¢
	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	-	18¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	-	20¢
ARK.	Amber Mixed for Dark-Soybean	-	-	14¢
	Amber Mixed For light-Soybean	-	-	16¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	19¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Clover Sweet Alfalfa	15¢	20¢	20¢
KANS.	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa	-	-	19¢
MICH.	White Clover	-	-	15¢
WISC.	Light Amber Mixed Flower	-	18¢	-
	White Clover Alfalfa	16¢	-	17¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	20-22¢
	White Clover	-	18¢	-
	White to Extra White Clover Basswood	18½¢	-	-
ILL.	Light Amber Legumes	-	20¢	-
	Clover and Mixed Honey	15¢	18-20¢	-
OHIO	Light Clover	-	20¢	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Goldenrod Aster	-	-	20¢
N.J.	Amber Tulip Poplar	-	18¢	-
MD.	Light or Medium Amber	-	-	17¢
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber	18¢	-	-
FLA.	Light Tupelo	-	25¢	30¢
EXTRACTED HONEY 5-LB. JARS.				
OREG.	White Alfalfa	-	-	27¢
WASH.	Light Alfalfa	-	25¢	27¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	30¢
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	24¢	29¢
	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	-	25¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	24¢	27¢
TEXAS	Light Amber Mixed Wild Flower	-	23¢	-
ARK.	Amber Mixed For Dark-Soybean	-	38¢	30¢
	Amber Mixed for Light Soybean	-	-	30¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	23¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Clover Sweet Alfalfa	20¢	22¢	25-26¢
IOWA	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	30¢
KANS.	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa	-	-	30¢
MICH.	White Clover	-	-	22¢
WISC.	White Clover	-	-	20¢
	Off White Clover	-	20¢	-
	White Clover Alfalfa	20¢	22¢	26-28¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	27-29¢
	White Clover	-	25¢	-
	White and Extra White Clover Basswood	-	24¢	30¢
IND.	Extra Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	-	28¢
ILL.	Light Amber Legumes	-	25¢	-
	White Clover	23 1/3¢	-	-
OHIO	Light Clover	-	23¢	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Goldenrod Aster	-	-	30¢
	Amber Mixed Flower	-	23¢	30¢
CONN.	Light Mixed Fall-Flowers	-	-	40¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	29¢	37¢
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber	22¢	-	-
FLA.	Light Tupelo	-	-	37¢

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PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

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STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
EXTRACTED HONEY 12, 2 - LB. JARS		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.20	79¢
WASH.	Light Alfalfa	-	7.50	66 2/3¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	6.96	72¢
	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.00	-
IDAHO	White Alfalfa and Clover	-	6.95	-
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	6.90	71¢
TEXAS	Light Amber Mixed Wild Flower (12, 24-oz.)	-	4.80	-
	Light Amber Brush	-	7.00	70¢
	White Orange	-	7.50	75¢
ARK.	Amber Mixed For Dark-Soybean	-	7.80	79¢
	Amber Mixed For Light-Soybean	-	7.80	79¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.24	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Clover Sweet Alfalfa	6.70	7.00	61¢
IOWA	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	80¢
WISC.	Light Amber Mixed Flower	5.95	-	-
	Off White Clover	-	6.00	-
	White Clover Alfalfa	5.60	5.90	63-65¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	6.80	71¢
	White Clover	-	3.24	-
	White to Extra White Clover Basswood	-	6.90	73¢
ILL.	Light Amber Legumes	-	6.25	-
OHIO	Light Clover	-	6.85	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Goldenrod Aster	-	7.18	-
	Amber Mixed Flower	-	7.68	79¢
CONN.	Light Mixed Fall Flowers	-	9.60	1.00
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	7.80	85¢
W.VA.	Amber Light Amber	7.40	-	-
N.C.	Dark Amber Mixed	-	8.00	1.00
TENN.	Wild Amber	-	-	1.00
FLA.	Light Tupelo	9.00- 9.50	9.35	95¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.20	-	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1 - LB. JARS		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.92	43¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	7.40	41¢
	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.50	41¢
IDAHO	White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.90	-
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	7.40	42¢
TEXAS	White Orange	-	8.00	45¢
	Light Amber Brush	-	7.50	40¢
ARK.	Amber Mixed for Dark-Soybean	-	8.40	49¢
	Amber Mixed for Light-Soybean	-	8.40	-
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.50	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Clover Sweet Alfalfa	6.80	7.30	40¢
IOWA	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	45¢
WISC.	Light Amber Mixed Flower	6.15	-	-
	Off White Clover	-	6.50	-
	White Clover Alfalfa	6.00	6.30	35-39¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	7.10	41¢
	White Clover	-	7.20	-
	White to Extra White Clover Basswood	-	7.35	41¢
ILL.	Light Amber Legumes	-	7.04	-
	White Clover	7.10	-	-
	Clover and Mixed Honey	-	7.00-8.00	-
OHIO	Light Clover	-	6.95	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Goldenrod Aster	-	7.70	-
	Amber Mixed Flower	-	7.68	40¢
CONN.	Light Mixed Fall Fallowers	-	9.60	50¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	8.40	45¢
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber	7.50	-	-
N.C.	Dark Amber Mixed	-	8.00	50¢
FLA.	Amber Mixed Flower	-	10.50	-
	Light Tupelo	9.50-10.50	9.85	50¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.40	-	-

PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8-oz. JARS		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	5.04	29¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	4.20	24¢
	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	2.40	-
TEXAS	Light Amber Brush	-	5.00	25¢
	White Orange	-	5.20	30¢
IOWA	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	30¢
WISC.	Light Amber Mixed Flower	4.10	-	-
	White Clover Alfalfa	3.60	3.85	21-23¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	4.40	29¢
	White to Extra White Clover Basswood	-	4.60	25¢
ILL.	White Clover	4.20	-	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Goldenrod Aster	-	4.52	-
	Amber Mixed Flower	-	4.80	25-27¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	4.50	28¢
FLA.	Light Tupelo	5.65	6.00	30¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	4.30	-	-
SECTION COMB 24				
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover 24, 12 oz.	-	9.60	-
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover 24, 12-oz.	-	-	50¢
IOWA	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover 24, 14-oz.	-	-	50¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 13-oz.	-	10.80	60-65¢
OHIO	Light Clover 24, 14-oz.	-	10.00	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Goldenrod Aster 24, 12-oz.	-	-	69¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed 24, 12-oz.	-	10.80	60¢
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber 12, 12-oz.	5.28	-	-
BULK COMB CHUNK PACK				
TEX.	Light Amber Mixed Wild Flower 24-oz.	-	5.76	-
IOWA	Light Alfalfa Sweet Clover 24, 16-oz.	-	-	55¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	10.80	60-65¢
ILL.	White Clover 12, 13-oz.	3.50	-	-
OHIO	Light Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	8.75	-
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber 12, 2½-lb.	-	10.00	--
CREAMED HONEY				
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover 12-oz.	-	-	40¢
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	7.60	43¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa 12, 16-oz.	-	4.20	45¢
ARK.	Amber Mixed for Dark-Soybean 16-oz.	-	8.40	49¢
IOWA	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover 12, 14-oz.	-	-	45¢
WISC.	Light Amber Mixed Flower 12, 15-oz.	-	3.50	-
	White Clover Alfalfa 24, 12-oz.	-	6.30	39¢
MINN.	White Clover 24, 14-oz.	-	7.20	-
	White to Extra White Clover Basswood 12, 10-oz.	-	6.00	33¢
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.00	-	-
N.Y.	Amber Mixed Flower 12, 1-lb.	-	12.00	69-72¢
CONN.	Light Mixed Fall Flowers 12, 1-lb.	-	-	50¢

See Footnotes on Page 5

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE 2/:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/ :PRICES & BASIS : OF SALE 2/
OREGON		ILLINOIS	
Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	13¢ del.	White Clover	17½¢ del.
MONTANA		OHIO	
Extra White Alfalfa Sweet Clover (Ret.)	15¢ f.o.b.	Light Clover	15¢ del.
ARKANSAS		FLORIDA	
Amber Mixed for Dark Soybean	13½¢ del.	Amber Mixed Flower	12¢ f.o.b.
Amber Mixed for Light Soybean	14½¢ del.	Light Tupelo	27¢ f.o.b.
NORTH DAKOTA		Dark Titi	10½¢ del.
White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	14½¢ f.o.b.		
SOUTH DAKOTA			
Water White to White Clover Sweet Alfalfa	15¢ f.o.b.		
NEBRASKA			
White Sweet Clover Alfalfa (Returned)	15¢ f.o.b.		
MICHIGAN			
White Clover	14¢ del.		
Light Amber Fall Clover	12-13¢ del.		
WISCONSIN			
Light Amber Mixed Flower	15¢ del.		
White Clover Alfalfa	14½¢ del.		
MINNESOTA			
White Clover	16¢ f.o.b.		

SALES OF BEESWAX

STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE 2/ :	STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS : OF SALE 2/
CALIFORNIA		MICHIGAN	
Light	68-72¢ del.	Light	70¢ del.
COLORADO		MINNESOTA	
Medium	68¢ del.	Light Lemon	68¢ f.o.b.
IDAHO		OHIO	
Yellow	68¢ del.	Light	70¢ del.
MONTANA		MASSACHUSETTS	
Yellow	68¢ f.o.b.	Yellow	53¢ del.
ARIZONA		MARYLAND	
Lemon	58-60¢ f.o.b.	Dark	72¢ del.
TEXAS		VIRGINIA	
Yellow	67¢ f.o.b.	Light	68¢ del.
Light	67¢ f.o.b.	Dark=	65¢ del.
ARKANSAS		TENNESSEE	
Yellow	66-73¢ del.	Yellow	68¢ del.
OKLAHOMA		FLORIDA	
Light	68¢ del.	Yellow	75¢ del.
SOUTH DAKOTA			
Lemon Yellow	70-72¢ del.		
IOWA			
Light Lemon	68¢ del.		

FOOTNOTES FOR PAGES 1-5

1/ State of origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term "clover" includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping points; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packages, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for market where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days (10). Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of February. Sixty pound cans are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated. Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals

206,000 lbs. Domestic White Clover- Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and retailers.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.15
		Few Best Marks	7.50-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25
		Promotional Discount	3.85
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.48-4.35
		1 Mark	4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35

CREAMED:

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.50

CHICAGO: Demand good. Market firm. Brokers' and packers' sales to wholesalers and other users.

EXTRACTED: 60-lb. Cans White Clover 16-17¢
1 Lot 17-18¢ Small lots 19-19½¢
Light Amber 15-16¢ Small lots 17¢.

6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.15
		one lot	4.25
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.75
		one lot	6.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.40

CREAMED:

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.00
		one lot	3.15

CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady.

Arrivals 38,321 lbs. Brokers' sales to wholesalers and large retailers

EXTRACTED: 16-lb. Tins White Clover 18¢ Light Amber 16¢

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.45-7.30

Plastic Creamed Honey

12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	4.55
24,	8-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.75
24,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	7.30

Plastic Squeeze

12,	1-lb.	Honey With Comb	4.95
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
6,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.75
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Market steady. Supplies light. Brokers sales to retailers Colo.-Nebr.-New Mexico-Kansas 60-lb. Tins Light Amber 17¢ Quality 20¢

DENVER: (Continued)

EXTRACTED:

6,	4-oz.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand fairly good. Market firm to slightly stronger. Arrivals 105,819 lbs. Domestic Brokers and packers sales to retailers and wholesalers Mixed Flowers Mostly White Clover--

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	3-lb.	Jars	7.75-8.15
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.30
		Few	7.10
24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.85-3.90
		Few	3.55
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.30-3.35

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer whole-sale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or better

orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.65
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Server Jar	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Plastic Squeeze Bottles--

12,	12-oz.	Bottle	4.20-4.35
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Blended Flavors-- Extra Light Amber

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

CREAMED HONEY--

White orange clover according to quality--

12,	1-lb.	Bowl	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Blended Flavors--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.25
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CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb) Honey

Clover Sage

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75

Section Comb Clover-White

12,	9-oz.	Section	6.50
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Straight Flavor Safflower Light Amber

12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.00

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

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MINNEAPOLIS: Demand good. Market stronger. Producer sales to brokers delivered Minneapolis basis by truck in 60-lb. Tins Minnesota White Sweet Clover 35-55 gallon drums at 14¢ with Container exchange. Light Amber Mixed Flowers 15-55 gallon drums at 12½¢ with container exchange--

Beeswax 350 lbs. Cash 48¢ Trade 50¢.

Sales to jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis-- Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	12-oz.	Jars=	3.35
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.55
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.75
CREAMED HONEY			
6,	2-lb.	Spread	4.15
12,	10-oz.	Cups Spread	3.00
CUT COMB--			
12	11½-oz.	Packages	5.35

NEW YORK: Demand fair. Market firm. Arrivals by boat in cases-- Germany 340, Spain 229; in cartons Greece 100. Importers and wholesalers sales to trade, bakers, and large users include per lb. EX DOCK MEXICO Tins 5-gallon 16-16½¢ Drums 650-lb. 14-14½¢ ARGENTINA 16¢ CHILE 15½¢ MID WEST Drums White Clover 16-18¢ Tins 20¢ TEXAS Extra Light 14-16¢ FLORIDA Orange Bakers 60-lb. Tins None NEW YORK Buckwheat 21¢ New York Light Amber 17-18½¢ EX WHOLESALE Ohio Blended Buckwheat 17-18½¢ OHIO White Clover 19-19½¢ Processed Package and brokers sales and retailers 1 mark jars White Clover Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.93
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.92
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.62
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.13

1 mark tins White Clover Fancy--

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.61
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1 Mark Jars White Clover--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
6,	3-lb.	Jars	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.30
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	1-lb.	Honey Spread Doll	4.55

1 Mark Extra Light Amber Jars--

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.45
4,	5-lb.	Jars	5.55
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.85
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.15
24,	5-oz.	Jars	3.40
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05

Bulk--

12, 1b. Tins, 25-lb. 60-lb. tins 24-lb. Drums 650-lb., 22-lb. 1 mark Light Amber

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.85
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.55

Plastic--

6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.90
8,	3-lb.	Jars	6.20

NEW YORK: (Continued)

BEESWAX - Demand fair. Market firm. EX DOCK No per lb. Actual sales and offerings to dealers, refiners and importers--

AFRICA 78-82¢

CHILE 86-92¢

MEXICO 84-89¢

SAN DOMINGO 80-84¢

HAITI 78-82¢

PUERTO RICO 76-78¢

Arrivals by boat in blocks-- Ethiopia 648, West Africa 566; in bags-- Argentina 250, Chile 83; in packages-- Ethiopia 132, Sudan 26, West Africa 404.

PHILADELPHIA: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals by rail and truck domestic 237,770 lbs. Sales by repackers to retailers, chains, bakers and other large users.

EXTRACTED: Domestic Drum & 60-lb. Tins per lb. White Clover Extra Light 18½¢ Light Amber 17½¢

6,	2-lb.	Jars	3.15-3.25
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.80-4.90
6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.85-6.90
6,	8-3/4-lb.	Tins	11.00-11.10
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.30-2.40
12,	16-oz.	Jars	3.30-3.40
12,	2-lb.	Jars	9.05-9.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.10-4.20
24,	16-oz.	Jars	6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand good. Market slightly stronger. Arrivals by truck mostly Midwestern 63,534 lbs. Brokers' sales to large wholesalers and large retailers outlets-- Clover and Light Amber

EXTRACTED:

6,	2-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.05
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.75
CREAMED HONEY--			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50

PORTLAND: Demand fairly good. Market steady.

Brokers' sales to wholesales, chains and large buyers.

EXTRACTED: 60-lb. Tins			Per CWT.
6,	5-lb.	Tins	5.00-5.90
12,	8-oz.	Jars	6.90
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.30
12,	24-oz.	Clover Fireweed	5.60-6.00
12,	10-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.45-2.85
12,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.80
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottle	3.85
12,	1-lb.	Spun Fireweed	3.90-4.15
Idaho--			
12,	12-oz.	Clover Orange Sage	3.30
12,	1-lb.	Clover	3.35
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Sage Clover	
		Orange	4.65
12,	2½-lb.	Jars Clover Fireweed	8.80
12,	1-lb.	Comb in Jar	5.75

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SAN FRANCISCO: Market firm. Honey packer wholesale SEATTLE: (Continued)

list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight flavors: White or better Orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.67-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.29
Blended Flavors-- Extra Light Amber			
6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.02-6.76
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.00-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.67-4.68

CREAMED: White Orange-Clover, According to Quality--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.69-3.97
24,	12-oz.	Jars (Spun)	7.88

CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb): Clover-Sage--

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.56-3.87
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.83-6.17

VARIOUS BLENDS: Mostly light amber alfalfa mixture; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users 60-lb. cans and drums (Containers returned) 15-18¢ Occ Higher--

EXTRACTED: (Continued)

12,	2½-lb.	Jars	8.80
12,	2½-lb.	Tins	7.50-7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75-4.65
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.75
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-5.25
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.15-4.35

Fireweed--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	8.00

Orange and Sage--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
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Orange

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Apples--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Creamed--

12,	20-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.65
12,	20-oz.	Plastic Cups	4.95
12,	1½-lb.	Jars Spun	6.25-6.75
12,	12-oz.	Bottles	3.25
24,	16-oz.	Cups Spun	8.20
24,	12-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon Honey	6.60
12,	10-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon Honey	3.25
24,	10-oz.	Cups	6.00-6.30

COMB HONEY CLOVER U.S. One

12,	12-oz.	Packages	5.25
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SEATTLE: Demand fair to good. Market steady. Sales ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market steady.

to wholesalers, chains and other large buyers of clover and alfalfa Light Amber or better Unless otherwise stated

EXTRACTED:

12,	5-lb.	Tins	14.40
12,	4-lb.	Tins	10.90
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.00-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	6.50

Arrivals none. Brokers' sales to bakers

EXTRACTED: Light Amber 17¢ per lb.

White Clover 19¢ per lb.

Wholesalers sales to chains and large retailers

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.25
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Creamed Jar	4.55
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Glass	4.55
24,	11-oz.	Comb	9.00

CALIFORNIA POINTS:

Weather for all California Districts during the first half of February - Cool, cloudy, rainy weather covered most of California during the first half of February. Average temperatures were 2 to 4 degrees below normal in most areas and were even cooler in some mountain locations. Minimum readings dropped below zero in the northeast interior, some mountain valleys, and were near zero in the Owens Valley. Rainfall amounts were generally heavy with the seasonal total in nearly all areas close to or exceeding expected normal July 1-June 30 totals. The snowpack in the Sierras and the Shasta-Siskiyou area is quite heavy. At midmonth, the snowpack at Norden on Interstate 80 at the 7,000 foot level measured over 12 feet.

Weather for All California Districts during the last half of February - Generally stormy conditions prevailed during the last half of February. Moderate to heavy precipitation was recorded in all areas, except the desert. Temperatures averaged slightly below normal throughout the State, with the greatest departures in the Los Angeles Basin and mountain areas. Except for the desert areas precipitation totals now equal or exceed the total expected July 1-June 30 seasonal normal. In some areas record amounts have been recorded. In the Sierras the snowpack is exceedingly heavy and at the end of February at Norden on Interstate 80 near the 7,000 foot level snow depth measured just under 20 feet.

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - Heavy rains, strong winds, cool temperatures, and flooding were common throughout most of California during February. Some colonies were reported lost in floods while others were damaged when gale winds blew lids off of hives. Because of winter conditions supplemental feeding has been the heaviest in years in many areas.

The prolonged winter weather has restricted bee activity and consumption of honey stores has been relatively heavy. Despite weather conditions brood-rearing activity has increased rapidly and colonies were generally growing stronger every day. Brood was reported in from 2 to 4 frames.

Wet ground and mud has limited bee movement. Beekeepers who have not placed their colonies in almond orchards are becoming concerned as trees are blooming in all producing districts. However, the bloom has been curtailed by cool weather and was not as far advanced as normal for the end of February. Orchard men are behind in spraying operations and this in turn causes some concern among beekeepers. Some colonies have been isolated by high water and impassible roads preventing movement to fulfill pollination contracts. Some colonies were being moved to plums for pollination also. A few colonies have been moved to citrus groves.

Bees were working willow (salix), alder, filaree, mustard, wild turnips, manzanita, eucalyptus, almonds, fiddleneck, plums, chickweed, wild kale, burr clover, ceanothus, cottonwood, mistletoe, and other wild plants when the weather permits. Flight time, however, has been very limited in most sections by rain and cold weather.

The heavy winter rains have been generally beneficial to wild honey plants. Good plant growth is reported in most sections. The central coast manzanita bloom has been rained out. In some areas

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Continued)Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts (Continued)

crops have been flooded out and in some Southern California areas badly damaged by fire, erosion has been heavy. Areas with good drainage show promise of an abundance of workable plants. The deep penetrating rains may give California a bumper honey crop this coming season.

Southern California (First half of February)

Beekeeper offerings were light. Demand at retail was seasonally normal. Export trading was light due to the lack of export type honey.

Southern California (Last half of February)

Beekeeper offerings were light. Demand from retail outlets was seasonally normal. Export trading was light.

Northern and Central California (First half of February) Beekeeper offerings were very light and most sales were of small lots. Due to the wet, muddy conditions dealers were unable to pick up from beekeepers some honey purchased earlier. The few large lots known to be in beekeeper hands were firmly held. Demand from retail outlets continued good but for nearby needs only. Most outlets were keeping inventories to a minimum prior to tax assessment date, the first of March. The shortage of glass containers and occasionally of cans interfered with packing operations. Export trading consisted mostly of package honey as exportable bulk honey was scarce.

Northern and Central California (Last half of February) Beekeeper offerings were very light and with few exceptions in small lots. Packers reported inventories light and often short of needs. Continued rain and muddy conditions prevented delivery of some honey bought earlier. Demand from retail stores was good to very good, though in some instances deliveries were restricted before the March 1 tax assessment date. Demand from bakeries and other commercial users was seasonally normal. Export trading was nominal due to the lack of exportable supplies. Beekeepers were having trouble placing hives in almonds due to the wet, muddy conditions and colony buildup has been slow. Rains and cold weather have restricted bee activity and feeding has been required.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES:

Oregon - Market conditions in the southern area were reported as good. Most bees were confined to winter quarters by heavy rain and snow that prevailed all of the month. Feed stores were light and bees were being fed substitutes due to the lack of a late honey flow last season. Broodrearing was behind normal and some dysentery had been a problem because of a prolonged snow cover. Indications were that honey plants should be in excellent condition due to above normal snowfall.

Washington - No market conditions were reported. Colonies were in fair to good condition. With improved weather, flights were more prevalent, however, additional feeding will be necessary as stores were low. Current pollen sources included pussywillow, alder and hazelnut. Plant and moisture conditions appeared excellent.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES:

Colorado - The northeastern area reported market conditions and demand steady. Most other areas generally were reported normal with snow conditions. Generally colonies appeared to have wintered well. Food supplies varied from area to area but generally seemed normal. It was reported that some glass containers were still difficult to obtain. Temperatures in the middle 40's have made it possible for bees to fly more often. Honey plants and moisture conditions in the western area were reported above normal but it appeared very dry in the northeastern area. Honey plant conditions were normal.

Idaho - Market conditions were reported good for retail sales with packers and large users not too active at the present time. Colony, honey plant and moisture conditions were reported good. The southern area reported market conditions much firmer with a short crop and very little, if any, large lots left to sell. Colony conditions were described as good in some areas with a hard winter for bees in others. Very little activity reported around the hives because of cold weather. Plant conditions remained dormant, moisture appeared above normal.

Nevada - No market conditions were reported. Colonies were generally snowed in but some beekeepers were reported feeding bees whenever yards could be reached. The above normal snowfall indicated excellent prospects for early nectar flows with moisture conditions reported excellent for sweet clover growth.

ARIZONA - Bulk honey was reported practically all out of the producer's hands so that market conditions were generally not indicated. Colonies appeared slightly below average but generally normal for this time year. Honey plants appeared in excellent condition and rainfall so far this year appeared above average over most of the State. Deciduous trees were coming into bloom at the end of February. Citrus was expected to bloom by the middle March.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES:

Arkansas - Retail market conditions were described as very good and most local producers were about sold out. Colony conditions were reported good although some feeding was necessary. Broodrearing was underway in the northeastern area and much feeding will be necessary depending on the spring weather conditions. Moisture appeared adequate to excessive in some instances and plant conditions were generally fair to average.

Oklahoma - Market conditions and demand appeared to be just fair. Colony conditions were reported generally good with bees able to make a few cleansing flights during the past month. Some colonies in the southwestern area were lost in fall and winter due to heavy fall pesticide use. Most bees were wintering well; moisture and honey plants appeared to be mostly in good condition with some minor exceptions.

Texas - Market conditions generally were reported very good at the retail levels. Chunk honey was getting scarce and extracted supplies were low for some producer packers. Colony conditions were reported very good with an excellent spring buildup in prospect. Weather has been mild with

SOUTHWESTERN STATES: (Continued)

Texas - (Continued) some days in the lower 80's. Fruit trees in the northeastern area were in bloom and there was fear of a late frost or freeze damage. Honey plants were still dormant. Moisture conditions were very good with two or three very good rains the past several weeks.

PLAINS STATES:

Iowa - Market conditions at retail level were reported very good. Bulk lots of honey were pretty well sold out in the southwestern area. Colony conditions varied from very poor to excellent with bees requiring winter feeding as many colonies went into winter with very light stores. Some winter loss was estimated up to 50 percent. Honey plants and moisture conditions appeared excellent. The northern area reported local sales slow with very little demand for honey. Colony conditions were generally unknown as the snow cover has been excessive. Bees need cleansing flights and a chance to be active. Moisture supply reported good with good snow cover.

Kansas - Market conditions generally were reported as fair with honey moving fairly well at retail. Jobbing inquiry had been light. Bees appeared to be wintering well with occasional warm spells allowing short flights. Some winter losses were reported due to lack of stores, however conditions generally seemed good. Honey plants were dormant. Moisture conditions reported good with snow blanketing most of the State.

Nebraska - Very little honey reported left in the producer's hands. Demand for wholesale lots was stronger. Colony conditions were very uncertain. Snow cover made it difficult to examine live colonies and some that had been covered too deep may have sustained heavy losses. Honey plant and moisture condition should be good with the rather heavy snow cover this season.

North Dakota - Market conditions were reported improving with buyers showing increased interest and activity. Colony conditions were indicated to be average or slightly above. A very heavy snow cover indicated that clover should be wintering well with above normal moisture available.

South Dakota - Market conditions strengthened as demand had improved both for packers and consumers. Colony conditions were reported uncertain due to the heavy snow cover since the first of December. Honey plants were dormant under snow cover and moisture conditions appeared normal.

CENTRAL STATES:

Illinois - Honey was reported to be very scarce and practically all sold at the present time. Bees appeared to be wintering very well except where over zealous beekeepers had dipped to deeply into winter stores, so occasional feeding was necessary. Bees have had several partial cleansing flights and winter loss appeared lighter than for the past season. Moisture seemed ample with honey plants dormant.

Indiana - The market was steady and the retail sales were slow. Winter bee losses appeared to be light. With mild weather increasing, cleansing flights had been made the past several weeks. Some indications in various areas that bees have

CENTRAL STATES: (Continued)

Indiana - (Continued) - dysentery and naturally will be weak in the spring. Moisture conditions appeared ample although only light snow cover has fallen so far this winter.

Michigan - Colony conditions generally were normal with a few flights in fairly mild weather. Moisture was ample.

Minnesota - Market conditions remained firm at local retail levels. Colony conditions appeared below average with prolonged cold and heavy cover preventing cleansing flights. Some beekeepers were expecting anywhere from a 15 to 40 percent loss due to prolonged cold weather and excessive snow cover.

Ohio - The market was reported fair to good at all levels. Colony conditions indicated that bees appeared to be wintering well with occasional cleansing flights during the month. Little snow cover was reported to date in Ohio this winter, but rainfall was plentiful; so moisture appeared to be adequate.

Wisconsin: Local retail sales continued above average. It was reported that not much bulk honey was left locally. Colony conditions were reported mostly normal but occasional light weight. Some feeding will be necessary in March or April. Most bees could use cleansing flights as some areas have had extremely long cold spells with heavy snow. Honey plants should be in good conditions with approximately 33 inches of snow covering some areas.

NORTHEASTERN STATES

Connecticut - Market conditions were reported good. Colony conditions were good and honey plant and moisture conditions were reported as excellent.

Massachusetts - Both market and colony conditions were reported as good. Moisture in February appeared to be adequate with honey plants dormant.

New Jersey - Market conditions were reported as improving slightly over last month. Colony conditions were unknown as snow cover has prevented beekeepers from examining their colonies. Some loss was expected due to shortage of winter stores and beekeepers were unable to service hives due to heavy snow cover.

New York - Market conditions continued brisk with good movement although some retail movement was reported slow. Colony conditions generally appeared to be fair to good but because of excessive snow there is some doubt about bees wintering well. Most beekeepers have been unable to check on the progress of their bees. Temperatures have been ranging from 0 to 26 degrees for the past several weeks with plenty of snow.

Pennsylvania - Market conditions appeared to be fair to mostly normal for this time of the year. Colony conditions were reported as excellent with bees having had several cleansing flights during the month of February. Occasional colonies were running out of food so feeding will be necessary in those cases. Honey plant and moisture conditions appeared to be excellent with very little snow over most of the State.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES:

Maryland - Market conditions were not reported. Colony conditions were indicated to be good, with several cleansing flights during the month of February. Honey plant and moisture conditions normal and the rain and wet snow the last three weeks should prove most beneficial.

North Carolina - Market conditions were not reported. Colony conditions were indicated to be average with some cleansing flight made. Weather mostly has been cold with some colonies needing both honey and pollen feeding to bring their strength up to normal. Moisture appeared adequate. Clover and vetch looking very good since the snowfall.

Kentucky - Market conditions were reported spotty with good movement in some areas and very few sales in others. Colony conditions were reported as generally good with most colonies wintering through without much difficulty. Honey plants were reported looking fairly good and moisture conditions excellent.

Tennessee - Market conditions were reported good to excellent with most of the honey crop moved. Colony conditions were reported to be the best in years with good clusters and only light winter bee loss. Honey plant conditions were reported average with some red maple and elm buds beginning to open. Moisture conditions were above average.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES:

Florida - No market activity was reported as most all honey had been sold. Colony conditions generally were fairly good with occasional hives running out of food and being fed some sugar, while others appeared to be gathering negligible amounts of honey and pollen from the citrus bloom. Broodrearing appeared to be light. Honey plants and moisture were reported good in most parts of the State.

Georgia - Market conditions were not reported. Continued cold weather held back bee activity in Georgia during February. While it has been somewhat warmer than recent Februarys, still it has been too cold for a great deal of bee activity. South Georgia received only two or three light rains and it is generally dry, with more rains needed. Honey flow running about 2 weeks later than normal. Beekeepers are starting to take bees into north central Florida for the orange flow and this season is also late. Colonies are normal to slightly above normal in honey and bees. However, some feeding is being done. Bees are working mainly red bud maple, also swamp huckleberry and low bush huckleberry. Tyty is just now opening up and with warmer weather will still be about the 10th of March before it gets into full bloom. North and central Georgia bees are mostly dormant and have good stores and bee strength; probably best shape in years. Some light feeding has been necessary.

Louisiana - Market conditions were reported mostly good. Colony conditions were reported spotty with some in good condition and some in poor condition. Clover was beginning to be available and this should help the weaker colonies come back. Moisture was normal.

MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1968
1968 Crop By Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

1900 Crop by Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service						
ITEM	Number of Loans Made	Quantity Put Under Loans	Pounds Loan Quantity Repaid	Loans Del. and Quantity Purch.	Quantity Outstanding	
Alabama	6	196,020	29,700	-	166,320	
Arizona	46	826,014	196,320	-	629,694	
Arkansas	9	231,544	-	-	231,544	
California	65	4,488,972	1,813,465	-	2,675,507	
Colorado	2	56,538	-	-	56,538	
Florida	61	2,386,580	1,429,592	-	956,988	
Georgia	25	919,618	618,382	-	301,236	
Idaho	13	1,056,510	81,400	-	975,110	
Illinois	4	170,694	-	-	170,694	
Iowa	14	565,898	-	-	565,898	
Kansas	15	316,602	15,444	-	301,158	
Louisiana	3	51,902	-	-	51,902	
Michigan	5	25,416	9,720	-	15,696	
Minnesota	32	1,039,409	7,812	-	1,031,597	
Missouri	6	407,458	39,650	-	367,808	
Montana	6	209,943	-	-	209,943	
Nebraska	102	3,499,998	250,782	-	3,249,216	
New Mexico	2	28,080	28,080	-	-	
New York	2	17,280	-	-	17,280	
North Carolina	6	77,067	-	-	77,067	
North Dakota	13	416,155	44,520	-	371,635	
Ohio	2	1,591,920	1,591,920	-	--	
Oregon	4	44,280	-	-	44,280	
Pennsylvania	1	28,512	-	-	28,512	
South Dakota	41	2,407,575	1,782	-	2,405,793	
Texas	55	1,370,314	252,177	5,346	1,112,791	
Utah	8	150,342	-	-	150,342	
Virginia	1	8,100	-	-	8,100	
Washington	17	490,626	50,490	-	440,136	
Wisconsin	18	419,986	-	-	419,986	
Wyoming	4	193,644	-	-	193,644	
TOTALS	588	23,692,997	6,461,236	5,346	17,226,415	

Comparative Totals as of December 31, 1968

1967	726	29,082,997	2,693,936	-	-	26,389,061
1966	606	31,596,702	2,444,029	5,400	-	29,147,273
1965	499	16,200,781	1,873,516	-	-	14,327,265
1964	175	8,292,999	577,103	-	-	7,715,896

MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF JANUARY 31, 1969
1969 Crop By Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

1909 Crop by Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service						
ITEM	Number Of Loans Made	Quantity Put Under Loan	Loan Quantity Repaid	Pounds	Loans Del. and Quantity Purch.	Quantity Outstanding
Alabama	6	196,020	44,550		-	151,470
Arizona	46	826,014	228,828		-	597,186
Arkansas	11	298,936	11,880		-	287,056
California	67	4,515,984	1,994,881		-	2,521,103
Colorado	2	56,538	-		-	56,538
Florida	62	2,405,588	1,572,620		-	832,968
Georgia	25	919,618	645,152		-	274,466
Idaho	14	1,076,922	81,400		-	995,522
Illinois	4	170,694	-		-	170,694
Iowa	14	565,898	181,746		-	384,152
Kansas	16	332,640	15,444		-	317,196
Louisiana	3	51,902	-		-	51,902
Michigan	6	30,096	13,810		-	16,286
Minnesota	34	1,210,439	106,196		-	1,104,243
Missouri	6	407,458	39,650		-	367,808
Montana	7	239,643	-		-	239,643
New Mexico	2	28,080	28,080		-	-
New York	2	17,280	6,480		-	10,800
North Carolina	6	77,067	6,000		-	71,067

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1969 Crop By Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service (Con'd)

ITEM	Number of Loans Made	Quantity Put Under Loan	Loan Quantity Repaid	Loans Del. and Quantity Purch.	Quantity Outstanding
North Dakota	13	416,155	51,720	-	364,435
Ohio	2	1,591,920	1,591,920	-	-
Oregon	5	54,360	12,150	-	42,210
Pennsylvania	2	57,762	6,221	-	51,541
South Dakota	44	2,515,089	452,400	-	2,062,689
Texas	60	1,541,584	658,074	5,346	878,164
Utah	8	150,342	4,320	-	146,022
Washington	19	546,642	50,490	-	496,152
Wisconsin	19	435,106	-	-	435,106
Wyoming	4	193,644	-	-	193,644
Virginia	1	8,100	-	-	8,100
TOTALS	616	24,700,063	8,183,555	5,346	16,511,162

Comparative Totals as of January 31, 1969

1967 (1966 crop)	763	30,436,250	3,785,476	0	26,650,774
1966 (1965 crop)	622	32,113,991	4,460,515	5,400	27,648,076
1965 (1964 crop)	523	16,927,310	2,317,423	0	14,609,887
1964 (1963 crop)	212	9,461,633	1,243,020	0	8,218,613

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES TO COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION
FOR 1968 (Secured through the Census Bureau)

Countries	Total Pounds	January Pounds	February Pounds	March Pounds	April Pounds	May Pounds	June Pounds	July Pounds	August Pounds	September Pounds	October Pounds	November Pounds	December Pounds
Arabia Peninsula	5,550	-	-	-	-	2,850	2,700	-	-	-	-	-	-
Austria	7,308	-	-	-	1,800	5,508	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	17,556	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,180	2,376	-	-	-
Bahamas	21,062	-	-	-	5,049	1,504	12,309	-	-	-	-	-	2,200
Belgium	488,904	-	30,984	5,760	-	94,534	-	1,350	89,060	35,663	75,971	127,766	27,816
Bermuda	3,382	-	-	1,750	-	-	-	1,632	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	16,800	-	-	-	-	2,400	-	2,400	-	720	-	4,800	-
Bahrain	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,280	-	-	-	-	-
Canada	66,649	7,708	-	16,416	-	3,600	-	6,420	-	14,400	15,705	6,000	-
China Rep(Taiwan)	3,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia	1,702	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,702	-	-	-
Denmark	13,492	-	-	-	-	1,680	8,812	-	-	-	3,000	-	-
Barbado	5,344	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,344	-	-	-
Finland	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
French Pacific	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Island	600	-	-	-	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	896,529	1,950	-	169,960	117,735	51,490	42,406	94,290	66,887	166,082	13,770	29,904	142,055
French West	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indies	17,132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,132	-
Hong Kong	67,770	-	-	13,200	4,230	-	14,280	-	3,600	1,800	25,200	8,400	5,460
Italy	8,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iran	24,394	-	-	-	-	5,730	5,984	2,340	2,400	4,100	-	1,440	2,400
Ireland	12,037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,037	-
Japan	449,162	7,152	37,860	7,890	45,240	12,900	6,360	46,958	74,672	1,200	157,517	26,768	24,645
Jordan	1,280	-	-	1,280	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kuwait	120,720	10,200	17,820	1,418	21,000	14,400	2,700	-	12,000	1,582	15,600	-	24,000
Korean Republic	5,520	-	-	-	-	2,400	-	-	1,920	-	1,200	-	-
Lebanon	10,200	-	-	-	6,000	-	-	-	4,200	-	-	-	-
Leeward & Woodward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Island	9,768	-	-	1,292	-	-	744	-	-	1,578	-	6,154	-
Liberia	11,460	-	-	2,400	-	960	8,100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Libya	1,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	76,940	-	4,800	9,600	1,200	12,000	9,000	3,300	9,600	12,480	4,320	6,960	3,680
Mexico	10,790	-	-	790	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nanei Nanpo Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	24,930	-	-	3,240	2,640	9,600	1,320	2,400	-	1,350	1,380	-	3,000
Norway	776,508	75,877	138,149	42,651	30,000	37,150	84,098	12,672	16,980	226,585	65,172	20,986	26,188
Nigeria	23,633	-	-	23,633	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panama	1,374	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,440	-	-	-	-	-
Philippine Rep.	52,273	-	4,140	-	1,374	8,300	12,958	10,980	-	10,120	-	1,200	-
Rhodesia	19,758	-	-	-	4,575	19,758	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Singapore	58,521	-	-	6,573	2,280	4,668	4,800	1,200	13,800	12,000	-	7,200	6,000

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES TO COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION
FOR 1968 (Secured through the Census Bureau)

Countries	Total Pounds	January Pounds	February Pounds	March Pounds	April Pounds	May Pounds	June Pounds	July Pounds	August Pounds	September Pounds	October Pounds	November Pounds	December Pounds
Saudi Arabia	118,293	6,250	48,000	-	3,369	6,840	-	1,024	9,600	4,810	20,400	18,000	6,000
Sweden	142,660	-	9,000	44,462	-	7,200	-	5,688	3,000	38,400	9,300	12,410	13,200
Switzerland	80,035	15,000	2,400	-	-	-	-	5,760	3,420	24,500	11,025	3,630	14,300
South Viet Nam	18,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,200	-	-	11,600	-	-
Thailand	8,416	-	-	1,920	-	2,616	-	-	-	1,920	1,960	-	-
Trust Pacific Island	14,430	-	-	-	-	14,430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	856,242	55,415	71,996	67,173	81,154	101,229	-	122,224	49,543	41,770	89,591	141,600	34,547
Venezuela	4,179	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,179
West Germany	3,499,189	185,342	250,020	305,193	128,294	294,180	453,230	372,750	445,456	407,288	262,014	127,218	268,204
Other Cities	23,560	18,760	4,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Pounds	8,103,592	390,854	619,969	702,968	480,173	719,427	679,801	705,108	821,318	998,026	785,764	592,310	607,874
Total Dollars	1,606,929	82,960	136,690	136,920	97,929	142,950	117,522	123,249	143,320	201,084	157,558	135,077	125,660

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN FOR 1968
(Secured through the Census Bureau)

Countries	Total Pounds	January Pounds	February Pounds	March Pounds	April Pounds	May Pounds	June Pounds	July Pounds	August Pounds	September Pounds	October Pounds	November Pounds	December Pounds
Angola	600,018	88,817	26,561	-	132,133	22,154	43,391	-	-	119,893	28,760	115,055	23,254
Brazil	129,351	15,262	-	-	4,409	-	-	-	20,160	40,321	24,317	5,556	18,326
Canada	235,201	7,484	900	10,000	3,341	12,368	-	11,624	17,712	17,712	43,460	60,469	67,843
Chile	686,487	39,885	32,781	65,584	73,138	112,906	77,388	56,961	87,778	63,584	33,068	21,368	22,046
Dominican Rep	350,434	23,920	42,687	25,539	38,350	39,973	22,490	26,504	48,693	27,300	20,280	27,028	7,670
Egypt	56,080	45,017	11,063	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	754,679	22,096	66,775	-	65,861	65,406	68,824	64,340	120,581	76,574	144,861	59,361	-
France	44,533	-	11,023	11,023	-	-	-	11,023	-	-	-	-	11,464
Haiti	93,521	-	3,062	-	19,703	10,410	10,282	5,945	15,576	3,024	4,366	18,444	2,709
Mexico	878,374	104,201	57,199	146,171	-	39,824	99,784	77,592	88,969	96,578	54,876	21,906	91,274
Netherlands	4,409	-	-	-	-	4,409	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peru	16,308	-	10,487	-	-	-	5,821	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salvador	41,739	2,283	844	5,820	4,459	-	9,913	6,357	3,750	-	2,405	4,500	1,408
Saudi Arabia	11,025	-	11,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sudan	27,541	-	-	-	6,880	-	-	-	-	-	15,837	4,824	-
Turkey	66,138	-	22,046	-	-	44,092	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad	3,758	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,758	-	-	-	-	-
Tanzania	28,174	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,712	-	-	-	-	22,462
Argentina	15,409	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000	4,409	-	-
East Germany	8,818	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,818	-	-	-
Mozambique	15,940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,940	-
Other Western Africa	11,037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,037	-	-	-
Congo	11,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,023	-	-	-
Guatemala	7,373	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,018	-	3,355
Spain	22,211	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,111	11,100	-
New Zealand	8,542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,542	-
Total Pounds	4,133,843	348,965	296,453	270,857	348,274	351,542	337,893	247,169	408,154	486,864	391,768	374,093	271,811
Total Dollars	3,034,145	266,404	212,428	195,233	242,116	264,425	248,910	178,515	299,923	360,254	283,412	273,192	209,333

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN FOR 1968
(Secured through the Census Bureau)

Countries	Total Pounds	January Pounds	February Pounds	March Pounds	April Pounds	May Pounds	June Pounds	July Pounds	August Pounds	September Pounds	October Pounds	November Pounds	December Pounds
Argentina	1,987,774	327,916	418,596	265,547	481,494	336,673	33,141	33,009	---	61,398	---	---	---
Australia	22,440	18,000	---	---	---	---	4,440	---	---	---	---	---	---
Belgium	1,482	---	---	---	---	---	525	---	---	957	---	---	---
Canada	1,833,768	241,826	229,653	45,165	204,961	210,572	135,895	210,138	269,484	162,990	59,874	40,610	22,600
Chile	264,321	---	---	---	---	220,460	43,861	---	---	---	---	---	---
Costa Rico	249,102	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	173,991	---	75,111
Dominican Repb.	10,172	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	10,172	---	---	---	---
France	390	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	390	---	---	---	---
Greece	49,811	2,381	6,290	1,680	4,800	7,200	---	2,400	11,400	---	---	8,360	5,300
Guatemala	31,184	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	31,184	---	---
Honduras	33,069	33,069	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hungary	1,200	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,200	---	---	---
Ireland	4,050	---	---	---	1,350	---	---	900	---	---	---	1,800	---
Israel	368,117	---	---	43,982	43,982	852	134,459	4,823	138,948	---	---	1,071	---
Italy	3,980	---	---	---	---	791	1,282	---	508	---	893	506	---
Jamaica	1,200	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,200	---	---	---	---	---
Mexico	11,670,271	1,483,946	1,093,070	563,992	526,090	1,050,288	903,489	776,517	1,277,392	1,068,913	770,090	1,116,705	1,039,779
Netherlands	8,470	---	---	---	2,100	---	840	---	---	1,356	1,202	1,200	1,772
New Zealand	5,933	---	---	---	1,080	---	---	1,080	2,177	---	1,596	---	---
Poland	26,400	---	---	---	---	6,000	---	---	---	2,400	---	4,800	13,200
Rumania	2,400	---	---	---	---	2,400	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Salvador	163,953	---	109,575	54,378	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sweden	6,047	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6,047	---	---	---
United Kingdom	14,759	---	---	---	3,089	4,218	3,855	1,440	912	600	---	405	240
West Germany	118,888	---	3,171	3,300	16,850	10,079	7,001	19,389	43,065	4,426	4,109	6,175	1,323
Other Cities	18,614	2,444	11,200	4,970	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
- Total lbs.	16,897,795	2,109,582	1,871,555	983,014	1,285,796	1,879,533	1,268,788	1,050,896	1,754,448	1,310,287	1,042,939	1,181,632	1,159,325
- Total Dollars	1,746,775	197,183	175,617	95,105	146,699	192,710	137,405	110,968	180,795	171,091	125,037	111,363	102,802

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES BY CUSTOM DISTRICTS FOR 1968
(Secured through Bureau of Census)

Custom Districts	Total Pounds	January Pounds	February Pounds	March Pounds	April Pounds	May Pounds	June Pounds	July Pounds	August Pounds	September Pounds	October Pounds	November Pounds	December Pounds
New York	236,028	1,300	27,126	38,842	21,972	16,485	25,917	12,622	11,513	10,820	1,300	63,952	4,179
Philadelphia	160,699	9,000	41,520	1,280	37,239	19,200	2,160	-	-	-	6,500	31,800	12,000
Maryland	12,338	2,520	6,000	3,818	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	6,209	-	-	-	-	6,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	4,810	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,810	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	982,765	64,564	46,140	67,645	16,125	122,750	196,516	32,652	31,968	161,565	35,781	144,348	62,711
Mobile	887,537	-	3,960	-	-	207,761	207,761	220,633	178,150	-	61,946	7,326	-
New Orleans	54,541	13,450	-	-	3,369	12,660	-	5,480	9,600	1,582	3,600	4,800	-
San Diego	69,981	3,600	-	790	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	55,591	-	-
Los Angeles	3,735,557	276,728	440,142	231,607	326,634	221,569	94,805	397,341	343,749	477,986	368,547	110,101	446,348
San Francisco	826,547	15,612	23,940	237,665	60,150	65,354	109,812	25,980	78,840	44,790	70,244	45,008	49,152
Oregon	14,856	-	-	-	-	2,376	-	-	-	12,480	-	-	-
Washington	180,333	-	26,731	-	-	-	-	-	22,981	69,875	30,259	30,487	-
Dakota	21,300	-	-	8,100	-	-	-	-	-	7,200	-	-	6,000
Wisconsin	65,060	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,060	-	-	19,100	-	14,400
Michigan	47,900	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,400	-	-	-	-	-
Chicago	247,566	-	-	-	6,128	43,568	-	-	540	-	112,983	84,347	-
Ohio	13,098	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,098	-
Puerto Rico	30,119	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,987	-	17,132	-
Miami	231,349	4,080	4,410	19,221	8,556	1,504	28,846	7,036	64,517	28,911	12,713	38,471	13,084
Houston Texas	275,008	-	-	94,000	-	-	3,984	3,364	-	172,220	-	1,440	-
Total Pounds	8,103,592	390,854	619,969	702,968	480,173	719,427	679,801	705,108	821,318	998,026	785,764	592,310	607,874

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES BY CUSTOM DISTRICTS FOR 1968
(Secured through Bureau of Census)

Custom Districts	Total Pounds	January Pounds	February Pounds	March Pounds	April Pounds	May Pounds	June Pounds	July Pounds	August Pounds	September Pounds	October Pounds	November Pounds	December Pounds
Massachusetts	4,800	-	-	-	-	2,400	-	-	2,400	-	-	-	-
St. Lawrence	58,695	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,350	44,855	45,690	-	20,800
New York	7,303,322	970,960	784,922	485,018	531,631	814,473	556,258	293,262	646,051	571,514	351,414	442,164	855,928
Philadelphia	1,387,434	420,636	334,094	249,396	239,631	78,042	65,035	-	-	600	-	-	-
Virginia	2,615,867	327,988	260,143	171,043	24,284	194,809	195,107	260,143	520,286	132,673	-	396,718	132,673
New Orleans	2,066,724	130,172	262,743	-	176,258	207,363	194,457	110,560	204,211	205,426	307,618	212,666	55,250
Laredo	42,328	-	-	-	-	42,328	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Paso	71,636	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,176	-	27,762	21,693	-
San Diego	416,093	-	-	29,632	-	126,680	45,315	24,840	4,092	129,702	27,951	23,681	4,200
Arizona	234,516	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,359	82,659	40,880	74,618	-	-
Los Angeles	397,245	18,000	-	-	109,031	-	-	-	-	723	193,975	405	75,111
San Francisco	6,029	-	-	2,760	-	852	-	-	2,177	-	-	-	240
Washington	20,260	1,620	-	2,040	3,320	2,040	-	1,920	-	-	5,800	1,720	1,800
Wisconsin	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	900	59,752	957	-	-	12,000
Michigan	296,269	3,936	-	-	26,400	202,014	-	-	-	-	-	2,310	-
Chicago	70,377	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,822	-	1,058	1,323
Houston	228,563	-	-	-	-	-	3,174	114,694	-	-	-	40,322	-
Mont. & Idaho	287,772	-	21,178	-	6,150	45,620	51,600	-	39,200	76,750	8,384	38,890	-
Dakota	1,277,865	236,270	208,475	43,125	169,091	162,912	84,295	208,218	124,094	41,385	-	-	-
Ttl lbs.	16,897,795	2,109,582	1,871,555	983,014	1,285,796	1,879,533	1,268,788	1,050,896	1,754,448	1,310,287	1,042,939	1,181,632	1,159,325

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Market conditions generally were good where honey was available but supplies continued light in some areas. Movement of bulk honey had been good.

Colony conditions generally were considered good with some heavy winter losses reported. Bee movement on warmer days was increasing with some light gathering of pollen and honey in the southern areas. Feeding was still in progress in areas where brood was heavy and stores were depleted.

Plant and moisture conditions mostly were reported good to excellent with some areas needing rain to help growth of honey plant.

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HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING MARCH

These prices represent sales as reported by correspondent beekeepers and honey handlers. Because of the many thousands of beekeepers and handlers in the country, these should be considered as representative prices and not as full, complete coverage of all transactions for any State or area.

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLEERS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/ :PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE 2/	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/ :PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE 2/
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		ILLINOIS	
Light Amber Mixed Sage (used, poor quality cans)	11¢ f.o.b.	White Clover	15-20¢ del.
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA		PENNSYLVANIA	
Extra Light Amber Mixed Flower	13½¢ del.	Fall Flowers and Clover and Buck	15¢ del.
Low White Clover (Small lot)	14¢ del.	Light Clover	16¢ del.
OREGON		FLORIDA	
Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	13¢ del.	Light Tupelo	35¢ del.
COLORADO		LOUISIANA	
White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	15¢ del.	Dark Mixed Honey	11½¢ del.
KANSAS		White Clover	13½¢ del.
Extra Light Amber Sweet Clover Alfalfa	14¢ f.o.b.		
(Cans Returned)			
MICHIGAN			
White Clover	13¢ del.		
White Clover	15¢ f.o.b.		
WISCONSIN			
Clover Alfalfa	15¢ del.		
White-Extra Light Predominately Clover	18¢ del.		
Light Amber	14¢ del.		
White Clover	15¢ del.		

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
EXTRACTED HONEY 60-LB. CANS PER LB.				
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	17½¢	20¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	16 2/3¢
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	19¢	20½¢
MONT.	White Alfalfa and Clover	-	-	20¢
	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	-	20¢
KANSAS	Extra Light Amber Sweet Clover-Alfalfa	-	-	19¢
WISC.	Clover Alfalfa	-	-	20¢
	White Clover	19¢	-	18¢
MINN.	Extra White Clover	-	-	20-22¢
ILL.	Legumes	-	15¢	18¢
	White Clover	18¢	-	22¢
PA.	Fall Flowers and Clover and Buck	-	-	19¢
	Light Clover	-	-	19¢
MD.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed	-	-	17¢
W.VA.	Amber Light Amber	20¢	-	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	17¢	-	-
	White Clover	13½¢	-	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 5-LB. JARS PER LB.				
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	23¢	25¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	27¢
	White Alfalfa And Sweet Clover	-	22 3/4¢	27¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	24¢	27¢
IOWA	White Clover	-	-	30¢
KANS.	Extra Light Amber Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	-	30¢
MICH.	White Clover	-	-	22¢
WISC.	White to Extra Light Predominately Clover	-	22¢	28¢
	White Clover	23¢	21¢	20-27¢
MINN.	White or better Clover	-	-	27-29¢
IND.	Extra Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	-	28¢
ILL.	Legumes	-	-	25¢
	White Clover	23½¢	-	-
PA.	Fall Flowers and Clover and Buck	-	25¢	30¢
	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	29¢	37¢
	Light Amber Clover and Wild Flower	-	28¢	35¢
	Light Clover	-	25¢	30¢
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber	22¢	-	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 12, 2-LB. JARS				
		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.20	79¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	6.96	75¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	6.90	71¢
IOWA	White Clover	-	-	56½¢
WISC.	White to Extra Light Predominately Clover	6.00	-	-
	White Clover	6.30	-	-
MINN.	Extra White Clover	-	6.95	75¢
	White or Better Clover	-	6.80	71¢
IND.	Extra Light Amber Clover & Mixed Flower	-	6.24	-
ILL.	Legumes	-	5.85	-
PA.	Fall Flowers and Clover and Buck	-	6.90	75¢
	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	7.80	85¢
	Light Clover	-	6.90	75¢
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber Honey	7.50	-	-
FLA.	Light Tupelo	9.00-9.50	9.35	95¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.20	-	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS				
		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.92	43¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	7.40	41¢
IOWA	White Clover	-	-	29¢
WISC.	White to Extra Light Predominately Clover	6.25	-	-
	White Clover	6.72	-	-
MINN.	Extra White Clover	-	7.30	41¢
	White or Better Clover	-	7.10	41¢
IND.	Extra Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	6.96	-

See Footnotes On Page 4

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	WHOLESALESALES to :(Generally Delivered):	RETAILERS :(Generally Delivered):	CONSUMERS :(Local Sales)
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS (Continued)</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
ILL.	Legumes	-	6.07	-
	White Clover	7.10	7.00	-
PA.	Fall Flowers and Clover and Buck	-	7.50	41¢
	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	8.40	45¢
	Light Amber Clover and Wild Flower	-	7.20	45¢
	Light Clover	-	7.50	41¢
W.VA.	Amber Light Amber	7.50	-	-
FLA.	Light Tupelo	9.50	9.85	50¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.40	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8-OZ. JARS</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	5.04	29¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	4.20	25¢
WISC.	White to Extra Light Predominately Clover	4.10	-	-
	White Clover	4.10	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	4.40	29¢
ILL.	White Clover	4.20	-	-
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	5.00	28¢
	Light Amber Clover and Wild Flower	-	4.56	21¢
FLA.	Light Tupelo	5.65	6.00	30¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	4.30	-	-
<u>SECTION COMB 24</u>				
MONT.	White Alfalfa and Clover 12-oz.	-	-	50¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 13-oz.	-	10.80	60-65¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed 24, 12-oz.	-	10.80	60¢
	Fall Flowers and Clover and Buck 24, 12-oz.	-	8.75	50¢
	Light Amber Clover and Wild Flower 24, 13-oz.	-	12.24	65¢
	Light Clover 24, 12-oz.	-	8.75	50¢
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber 24, 12-oz.	10.56	-	-
N.C.	Dark Amber Mixed 24, 2½-lb.	-	-	50¢
<u>BULK COMB CHUNK PACK</u>				
IOWA	White Clover 24, 10-oz. Plastic	-	-	42¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	10.80	60-65¢
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.50	-	-
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber 24, 2½-lb.	10.50	-	-
<u>CREAMED HONEY</u>				
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	7.60	43¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa 12, 16-oz.	-	4.20	45¢
WISC.	White to Extra Light Predominately Clover			
	12, 16-oz.	3.50	-	-
	White Clover 12, 1-lb.	3.60	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 10-oz.	-	6.30	39¢
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.00	-	-

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLEERS IN DRUMS

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE	2/	:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE	2/	:
TEXAS					WISCONSIN				
Extra Light Amber Mixed Flower		12½¢	f.o.b.		Clover Alfalfa		15¢	del.	
Juajillo		14¢	f.o.b.		Light Amber		14¢	del.	
NORTH DAKOTA					White Clover (Returned)		15¢	del.	
Extra White Sweet Clover Alfalfa		14 3/4¢	f.o.b.		ILLINOIS				
NEBRASKA					White Clover		18¢	del.	
White Sweet Clover (Returned)		15¢	f.o.b.		FLORIDA				
White Clover Alfalfa		14½-15¢	f.o.b.		Light Tupelo (Returned)		24-27¢	f.o.b.	
Extra White to White Sweet Clover					Light Amber Mixed Wild Flowers		12-12½¢	del.	
and Alfalfa (Exchanged)		15¢	f.o.b.		LOUISIANA				
KANSAS					Light Amber Mixed Clover		16¢	del.	
Extra Light Amber Sweet Clover Alfalfa					Dark Mixed Honey		11½¢	del.	
(Returned)		14¢	f.o.b.						

SALES OF BEESWAX

STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE 2/ :	STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS : OF SALE 2/
MONTANA		ILLINOIS	
Light	72¢ del.	Lemon	58¢ del.
Dark	72¢ del.	OHIO	
Yellow	68¢ f.o.b.	Dark	68¢ del.
TEXAS		PENNSYLVANIA	
Light	75¢ f.o.b.	Light	50¢ f.o.b.
ARKANSAS		NEW JERSEY	
Yellow	72¢ del.	Amber	68¢ f.o.b.
Grey	66½¢ del.	VIRGINIA	
IOWA		Light	68¢ del.
Dark	62¢ del.	Dark	65¢ del.
Light	65¢ del.	KENTUCKY	
MICHIGAN		Dark	65¢ del.
Yellow	68¢ del.	Yellow	68¢ del.
Yellow	68¢ f.o.b.		
WISCONSIN			
Light	68¢ del.		
MINNESOTA			
Light	68¢ del.		

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1/ State of origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term " clover' includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping point; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

1969 HONEY SUPPORT PRICE INCREASED
By United States Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. On March 25, 1969

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin today announced that the 1969 crop honey would be supported at an average level of 13 cents per pound, up one-half cent from the last crop. This is for honey in 60-pound or larger containers and represents 66.7 percent of the March 1969 parity price.

Producers may request loans through March 31, 1970. Loans will mature on April 30, 1970. Producers having eligible honey not under loan wishing to offer such honey for purchase by CCC must notify the appropriate ASCS office of their intent to sell not later than the maturity date.

Support prices by color and class and by area are as follows:

	East	West
	Cents per Pound	
Table honey		
white or lighter	13.9	13.5
extra light amber	12.9	12.5
light amber	11.9	11.5
Other table and non-table honey	9.9	9.5

The honey price support program is authorized and directed by the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1949 at a level between 60 and 90 percent of parity. Loans on honey provide interim financing for beekeepers which enables them to market their crop in an orderly fashion. This provides market stability to producers and encourages maintenance of bee populations which are vital for pollination of important seed, fruit, and vegetable crops.

Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packers, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for market where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days (10). Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of March. Sixty pound cans are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated. Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals 79,000 lbs. domestic white clover. Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and retailers--

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.35-4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.15
	Few Best Marks		7.50-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.48-4.35
	One Mark		4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35

CREAMED:

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.50

CHICAGO: Demand good. Market slightly stronger. Brokers and packers sales to wholesalers and other users.

EXTRACTED: 60-lb. Cans White Clover 16½-18¢			
	Small lots		19¢
	Light Amber		16½-18¢
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.15-4.25
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50
CREAMED HONEY--			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.15

CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady. Arrivals 31,135 lbs. Brokers' sales to wholesalers and large retailers 16-lb. tins white clover 18¢ Light Amber 16¢.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.45-7.30
Plastic Creamed Honey			
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	4.55
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.75
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.30
Plastic Squeeze			
12,	1-lb.	Honey With Comb	4.95
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
6,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.75
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Supplies light, but adequate for current needs. Market steady. Brokers' sales to retailers. Colo.-Nebraska-New Mex.-Kansas 60-lb. Tins Light Amber 17¢ Quality White 20¢.

DENVER: (Continued)

EXTRACTED:

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand fairly good. Market steady.

Arrivals 111,478 domestic. Brokers' and packers sales to retailers and wholesalers Mixed Flowers Mostly white clover--

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	3-lb.	Few Jars	8.15
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.30
	Few		7.10
24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.85 3.90
	Few Lower		
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.30-3.35

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer whole-sale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.65
12,	24-oz. =	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Server Jar	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70
Plastic Squeeze Bottles--			
12,	12-oz.	Bottle	4.20-4.35
Blended Flavors Extra Light Amber--			
6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

CREAMED HONEY White Orange Clover -
According to quality--

12,	1-lb.	Bowl	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Blended Flavors

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.25
CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb) Honey Clover Sage-			
12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75

SECTION COMB Clover White--

12,	9-oz.	Sections	6.50
STRAIGHT FLAVORS Safflower light Amber--			
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.00

MINNEAPOLIS: Demand good. Market steady. Producer sales to brokers delivered Minneapolis basis via truck in 60-lb. tins Minnesota white sweet clover 550 at 14¢ with container exchanged. Light amber mixed flower 14, 55 gallon drums at 10¢ with container exchanged. Beeswax 275 lbs. Cash 53¢ trade 55¢.

Sales to jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.55
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.75
CREAMED HONEY--			
6,	2-lb.	Spread	4.15
12,	10-oz.	Cups Spread	3.00
CUT COMB			
12,	11½-oz.	Packages	5.35

NEW YORK: Demand fair. Market firm. Supply adequate. Arrivals by boat in cases-- England 75, Australia 45, Germany 60, Mexico 500; in cartons-- Greece 340; in drums-- Mexico 320.

Mexico Tins 16½¢ 60-lb. Drums 13½-15¢ Ex Dock
Mexico Tins 17½¢ 60-lb. Drums 16¢ Ex Wholesale
Argentina Ex Dock 16¢, Chile Ex Dock 15½¢, Ex
Wholesale Midwest Light Amber Clover drums 17-18¢
Tins 20¢ Texas Extra Light 14-16¢, Florida Orange
Bakers none, New York Buckwheat 21¢ New York
Light Amber 17-18½¢ Ohio Blended Buckwheat 18½¢
Ohio Light Amber 18½¢ Ohio White Clover 19½¢ in
clover blended tins 17drums at 16¢ Processed
packages and brokers sales and retailers 1
Mark Jars White Clover Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.93
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.92
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.62
6,	5-oz.	Jars	3.50
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2-lb. 8-oz.	Jars	4.75
		Colored Dish Bowl	4.55
		Plastic Doll	4.35
1 Mark Extra Light Amber Jars--			
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.55
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.15
24,	5-oz.	Jars	3.40
4,	5-lb.	Tins	5.15
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05
Drums 650-lb. 22¢ tins 60-lb. 24¢			
12-lb. Tins 25¢ 1 Mark Light Amber Jars			
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.85
8,	3-lb.	Jars	6.90
Plastic 6, 5-lb.			6.20

NEW YORK: (Continued)

BEESSWAX - Demand fair. Market firm. Arrivals by boat in bags-- Dominican Republic 278, Mexico 1,659, Spain 63; in cases-- Germany 17; in blocks-- Mexico 72, West Africa 490, Ethiopia 90; in packages-- Sudan 142, Ethiopia 141; in trays-- West Africa 120.

Ex Dock Actual sales and offerings to dealers, refiners and importers

AFRICA	80-84¢
CHILE	85-90¢
1 Mark High As	92¢
MEXICO	83-89¢
SAN DOMINGO	81-83¢
BRITIAN	84-86¢
HAITI	79-80¢
PUERTO RICO	75¢
VENEZUELA	83¢

PHILADELPHIA: Demand good. Market steady.

Arrivals by rail and truck domestic 101,565 lbs. Sales by repackers to retailers, chains, bakers, and other large users.

EXTRACTED: Domestic Drums & 60-lb. tins

per lb. White Clover Extra Light	18½¢
Light Amber	17½¢
6, 2-lb. Jars	3.15-3.25
6, 3-lb. Jars	4.80-4.90
6, 5-lb. Jars	6.85-6.95
6, 8-3/4 -lb. Tins	11.00-11.10
12, 8-oz. Jars	2.30-2.40
12, 16-oz. Jars	3.30-3.40
12, 2-oz. Jars	3.30-3.40
12, 2-lb. Jars	9.05-9.15
24, 8-oz. Jars	4.10-4.20
24, 16-oz. Jars	6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand good. Market about steady.

Arrivals by truck mostly Midwestern 46,963 lbs.

Brokers sales to wholesalers and large retailers outlets Clover and Light Amber

EXTRACTED:

6, 2-lb. Jars	4.75
6, 4-lb. Jars	6.65
12, 1-lb. Jars	4.20
24, 8-oz. Jars	4.90
CREAMED HONEY	
12, 12-oz. Jars	3.50

PORTLAND: Demand good. Market slightly stronger.

Supplies slightly short of needs. Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and large buyers.

6, 5-lb. Tins	5.90-6.00
12, 8-oz. Jars	4.95-6.90
12, 12-oz. Jars	3.30
12, 16-oz. Jars	3.35-4.25
12, 24-oz. Clover Fireweed	6.00
12, 10-oz. Creamed Cup	2.85
12, 12-oz. Creamed Cup	2.80
24, 12-oz. Creamed Cup	6.60
12, 12-oz. Plastic Squeeze Bottle	3.85-4.25
12, 1-lb. Spun Fireweed	3.90-4.15
12, 20-oz. Spun Fireweed	4.95
Idaho	
12, 12-oz. Clover Sage Orange	3.30
12, 1-lb. Creamed Clover Sage Orange	4.65
12, 2-lb. Creamed Clover Sage Orange	7.50
12, 2½-lb. Jars Clover Fireweed	8.80
12, 1-lb. Comb in Jar	5.75

SAN FRANCISCO: Market steady. Honey packer whole-sale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight flavors: White or Better Orange, Sage and Clover According to Quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.67-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.29

Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	5.64-6.76
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.00
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.21-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50-4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.67-4.68

Creamed: White Orange-Clover, According to Quality

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.69-3.97
24,	12-oz.	Jars (Spun)	7.88

CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb): Clover-Sage

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.56-3.87
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.83-6.17

Various Blends: Mostly light amber alfalfa mixture; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users 60-lb. cans and drums (Container returned) 15-18

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SEATTLE: Demand good. Market firm but generally unchanged. Sales to wholesalers and other large buyers of clover and alfalfa light amber or better Unless Otherwise Stated.

EXTRACTED:

12,	5-lb.	Tins	14.40
12,	4-lb.	Tins	10.90
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.00-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Jars	8.80
12,	2½-lb.	Tins	7.50-7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50

SEATTLE: (Continued)

EXTRACTED: (Continued)

12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75-4.65
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.75
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-5.25
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.15-4.35

Fireweed--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	8.00

Orange and Sage--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
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Orange--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Apple--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Creamed--

12,	20-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottle	4.65
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12,	20-oz.	Plastic Cups	4.95
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12,	1½-lb.	Jars Spun	6.25-6.75
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12,	12-oz.	Bottles	3.25
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24,	16-oz.	Cups Spun	8.20
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24,	12-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
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Honey 6.60

12,	10-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
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Honey 3.25

24,	10-oz.	Cups	6.00-6.30
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Comb Honey Clover U.S.One--

12,	12-oz.	Packages	5.25
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ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market steady. Brokers' sales to bakers.

EXTRACTED: Light Amber per lb. 17¢ White Clover 19¢

Wholesalers' sales to chains and large retailers

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.25
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Creamed Jar	4.55
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Glass	4.55
24,	11-oz.	Comb	9.00

CALIFORNIA POINTS:

Weather for all California Districts during the first half of March - Temperatures during the first half of March were below normal over most of the State. Generally, temperatures averaged 2-6 degrees below normal but in the Sierras were 10 degrees below normal and in the Owens Valley 14 degrees below. Light precipitation fell over most of California, except in the desert areas. Winds were strong at times. Snowpack in the Sierras continued to increase. The moisture content of the pack was reported as much as 400 percent of normal in some areas. At midmonth, the snow level at Norden on Interstate 80 near the 7,000 foot level measured 168 inches.

Weather for all California Districts during the last half of March - Following 4 weeks of much below normal temperatures a warming trend resulted at normal to above normal averages during the last half of March. Precipitation was light to moderate on several days early in the period with locally heavy amounts on the 21st. Snow depths decreased during the period at all elevations, but there is still 12-20 feet on the ground at the 7,000 foot level.

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - Below normal temperatures during the first 3 weeks of March held back honey plants and slowed colony development. The warming trend toward the end of March allowed both honey plants and bees to build up rapidly. Beekeepers reported most colonies in good condition, though occasionally short on honey stores. Pollen supplies were ample. Broodrearing was active with 4 to 7 frames of brood reported in most areas.

Beekeepers expect colonies to be in fairly good condition for the citrus flow expected next month. An abundance of wild flowers as well as the late bloom of most fruit and nut trees will help replenish honey supplies depleted by active broodrearing. Some feeding will be necessary before the orange bloom.

Very light swarming has started. Increases in colony numbers are generally expected as replacements only for winter and spring losses. Losses have ranged widely with occasional beekeepers reporting 5 to 10 percent loss, others as high as 50 percent, depending upon the condition of the bees going into the winter.

By the end of March bees were being removed from almond orchards and placed in wild flower spring buildup or sage locations. A few colonies were rented for cherry pollination late in the month at \$3.00 per colony. A large quantity of bees had been rented for almond pollination. Rental fees ranged from \$2.00 to \$5.50, depending upon the strength of the colony, distribution of colonies, and the area within the State. Rental fees generally were around \$4.00 to \$4.25 per strong colony.

By the end of the month bees were working almonds, mustard, radish, filaree, red maids, plums, peaches, ground cover, prunes, burr clover, eucalyptus, and some off bloom orange.

Variations in weather from season to season have a marked influence upon California beekeepers. The amount and timing of rainfall determines to a large extent honey yields from non-irrigated honey plants. Dry land plants in the foothills, including sage appears to be flourishing and if weather

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Continued) Bee and Plant conditions for All California Districts (Con'd) conditions continue favorable an abundant honey supply is in prospect. Irrigation water supplies were the best in years. The snowpack in the Sierras was heavy and the water content of the pack was reported from 100-400 percent of normal.

Southern California (First half of March)

Beekeeper offerings and purchases by packers were light. Trade contacts reported they were optimistic that there will be a good sage crop, but were a little worried about colony strength for working the orange crop. Export trading was light.

Southern California (Last half of March)

Beekeeper offerings and purchases by dealers were very light. Export trading was slow due to a shortage of export type honey. No purchases from beekeepers were reported.

Northern and Central California (First half of March)

Bottler-handler demand continued in excess of the very light offerings. Most packers expect supplies to be short of anticipated needs until new crop becomes available. Demand from retail outlets was good to very good and from bakers and other commercial users steady. Beekeepers are reported optimistic as to new crop prospects. Recent warm, sunny days have resulted in greatly increased bee activity. Also, the late blooming of almonds and other normally early flowering trees and honey plants will help in the rapid buildup of colonies. An abundance of wild flowers was reported throughout the area. Export trading was very light, limited to consumer packs due to the shortage of exportable grades of bulk honey.

Northern and Central California (Last half of March)

Beekeeper offerings had become very light and mostly in small lots. Dealer stocks were light and in instances were short of needs. Demand from retail outlets was good but declined somewhat with the warmer weather. Little interest in export was shown as dealers had limited quantities of exportable grades. Some inter-dealer trading was reported.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES

Oregon - Cold wet weather limited colony activity until the past 2 weeks when 70 degree temperatures helped stimulate brood development. Colonies appeared much reduced in population due to lack of stores which interfered with broodrearing last fall. Colonies were extremely short of stores even where no crop was removed last season. Losses appeared to be as high as 30 percent in some instances. Present pollen sources were limited but bees were moving into orchards rapidly with most colonies in just fair to good condition. Honey plants appeared to be getting a late start. Elms, clover, and vetch seemed to have withstood the winter better than anticipated but now appear well below average. Clover plantings appeared to be well up with vetch plantings just beginning to show in the western area. The southern area reported that honey plants should be in excellent condition as moisture appeared to be abundant with considerable snow still on the ground.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES (Continued)

Washington - No market conditions were reported. Bees apparently did not winter in many instances as well as first expected. Some areas sustained severe losses because of smothering from snow cover while others died from poisoning from contaminated food brought into hives for winter feeding. Others went into the winter weak from poison exposure and failed to survive. Weather the first half of March was rather cool with temperatures in the mid 40s but the last half was much warmer with temperatures in the mid 50s and 60s with low 70s reached the last week in the month. Daily flights were rather common especially the last half of the period when temperatures were much more moderate. West of the Cascades colonies were in generally good condition. Pollen and nectar were more abundant with pollen sources chiefly among pussywillow. Moisture appeared light.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES

Colorado - Market conditions appeared to be about average for retail sales for this time of the year. Colony conditions were reported fair to fairly good with some spring feeding necessary. Bee activity seemed limited mostly by cold wet weather during March. Due to prolonged cold weather, honey plants appeared to be about 3 weeks late. Moisture conditions ranged from fairly dry to excessive depending on the area.

Montana - Honey was moving well on the local level for those who still have supplies. Bulk honey appeared to be all moved. Colonies were reported in rather poor condition in some instances with losses ranging from 15-50 percent in many areas of the State. Snow was still abundant in some areas with only very few cleansing flights made during favorable weather. Heavy feeding was reported necessary in many instances. Moisture appeared to be adequate with snow still fairly heavy in some areas. It was too early to determine plant conditions.

Utah - Supplies were very light for table honey because of last years short crop. Prices were reported slightly stronger. Colony conditions generally were reported fairly good in most areas with some exceptions. Broodrearing appeared to be about normal. Honey plant conditions were not known as there still appeared to be plenty of snowpack around. Flooding in some areas was expected.

Wyoming - Market conditions were reported about normal for this time of year. Colony conditions were reported generally strong with more than normal feeding because of excessive population. Moisture conditions appeared fair but additional moisture within the next month will be needed. Clover appeared to be in light supply for the coming season.

ARIZONA - No market conditions were reported and supplies appeared to be all sold out. Colony conditions were reported only fair and most beekeepers appeared to be feeding at this time. Abnormal cold weather during late February and so far in March kept the bloom from wild mustard and other wild plants and flowers from coming on normally. Citrus bloom appeared to be one or two weeks late even though moisture conditions appeared to be fairly good at this time.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES

Arkansas - Retail market conditions appeared to be good with packers demand slow but improving. Bees' stores were reported low with many starving and losses expected to run from 15 to 25 percent. Moisture was reported adequate. Clover and vetch honey plants were developing well.

Oklahoma - No market conditions were reported. Bees were reported in good condition with some minor exceptions. Flights were reported during several days this past period as average temperatures have been normal. One area reported bees working elm and maple for pollen and fruit trees for nectar. Winter bee losses were generally light, and beekeepers appeared to be optimistic about the coming season.

Texas - No change was reported in market conditions, however, movement was reported fairly good at the retail level for those who had honey available. Bees appeared to be in good condition and building up nicely but a little slower than usual because of too much cold and wet weather. Pollen appeared fairly plentiful with adequate supplies of horsemint available. Most colonies seemed to be well supplied with honey from last year's crop. Broodrearing appeared to be in full swing. Honey plants were reported mostly dormant. Vetch was making some growth but warmer weather was needed. Rainfall has been excessive and dry weather would help the general situation.

PLAINS STATES

Iowa - Market conditions were mostly good at retail levels with honey moving steadily at slightly improved prices. Colony conditions appeared spotty with some bees strong and in excellent condition with others weak and losses of approximately 50 percent of population reported. In some colonies broodrearing was very strong in others losses have been high with subsequent general weakness. Many beekeepers were delayed in making checks because of the excessive snow cover and the consequent wet ground conditions. Weather has been somewhat warmer but temperatures were generally below normal. Honey plants were expected to be in fairly good condition.

Kansas - Market conditions were reported as only fair at the end of the period. The wholesale market was apparently strong early in March but weakened considerably about the middle of March. Bees generally wintered well. Weather had been warm enough for various cleansing flights as needed, with winter stores apparently adequate at the present time. Some small natural winter losses reported but nothing excessive. Moisture appeared adequate. Elm trees were now in bloom although alfalfa and sweet clover acreage appeared to be down from last year. Warmer temperatures were needed to stimulate early spring flower growth.

Nebraska - Demand for honey has been strong and supplies were reported very scarce. Generally bees appeared to have wintered very poorly with losses expected to run as high as approximately 60 percent due to excessive cold and wet weather. Bees had no cleansing flights from early December until recently. Many colonies appeared short of feed with dysentery and noseema reported in some hives. Moisture appeared to be more adequate with honey plants still dormant under snow cover although some areas were clearing with the warmer weather.

PLAINS STATES (Continued)

North Dakota - No market conditions were reported and all 1968 honey appeared to be sold. Colony conditions generally were reported average for this time of year. Moisture conditions appeared normal to slightly above normal with honey plants still dormant and under snow cover.

CENTRAL STATES

Illinois - Market conditions remained about normal for this time of year. Colony conditions were reported generally strong with winter loss very low. Some beekeepers were feeding pollen supplements and most colonies appear to have had recent cleansing flights. Honey plants and moisture appeared generally satisfactory with some exceptions due to local dry conditions.

Indiana - No market conditions were reported. Colony conditions were reported as generally good with approximately a 10 percent winter loss. In most instances, broodrearing appeared moderately strong. Pollen from hard wood was now available and with recent warmer weather some pollen had been gathered. Snow had been generally light over most of the area during the winter so moisture appeared to be on the light side.

Michigan - Market conditions were reported as only fair. Colony conditions were reported spotty with most colonies wintering well. Moisture appeared adequate with honey plants just beginning to develop.

Minnesota - Market conditions were reported very good with prices well above last fall. Some odd size glass containers have been used but due to excellent demand this apparently was no hardship. Colony conditions were reported as very spotty with losses reported high as 50 percent. Snow cover has been excessive with a long hard winter some colonies were reported very low on winter food. Cleansing flights were needed as soon as temperatures were high enough to melt some of the snow. Snow had melted in some sheltered areas with white clover just beginning to green up. Soil generally was well saturated with moisture.

Ohio - Market conditions were described as dull due to the recent warmer weather. Colonies were reported mostly strong with some in only fair to good condition with apparently very little winter losses. Feeding will probably be necessary and early swarming could be a problem. Soil moisture was low with precipitation badly needed in some areas. Honey plants remained dormant.

Wisconsin - Market conditions were described as generally normal at this time. Supplies seemed spotty with good demand at retail level. Most packers apparently had ample honey to take care of their needs until the new crop is harvested. Colony conditions were also reported as spotty with some colonies wintering exceptionally well while others were found to be in only fair to very poor condition. Some cleansing flights have been made and feeding had been necessary in some instances. In some areas winter losses were described as the heaviest in many years--maybe as high as 40 percent. Honey plants and moisture conditions were described as generally favorable with plenty of moisture because of a very light runoff. Honey plants mainly were dormant.

NORTHEASTERN STATES:

Connecticut - Market conditions were described as fair to good. Colony conditions were reported good to very good with occasional good cleansing flights for the month of March. Honey plants and moisture conditions appeared to be about normal.

Massachusetts - Market conditions were reported slow to just fair. Colony conditions were described as good. Bees in Southeastern part of the State had several good flight days in spite of the heavy snow. Pussywillows were in bloom and maples were beginning to bud. Moisture appeared to be adequate with honey plants starting to green up.

New Jersey - The honey market at retail levels continued mainly good and fairly steady. Excellent demand continued for beeswax. Colony conditions were reported very good with apparent fair amounts of unconsumed winter stores. Brood-rearing appeared to be lagging in some instances but colonies should be normal soon. Plants and moisture condition were reported excellent.

New York - Market conditions were described as very good with sales much better than at this time last season. Colony conditions were described as generally good to some with fairly severe winter losses. Protected bees apparently had very little losses while in exposed hives bee losses were very high in some instances. Some beekeepers reported no brood apparent with heavy feeding expected shortly. Moisture apparently was sufficient, but it was too early to determine honey plant conditions.

Pennsylvania - Local market conditions were generally described as good. Colony conditions were reported spotty ranging from poor to excellent. Some bee losses were reported around 25 percent. Warmer weather in the eastern area had bees carrying pollen and water. Moisture conditions were reported as light to fairly good in some areas. Honey plants were needing moisture in order to start growth.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

Maryland - Market conditions were reported as steady with supplies nearly all sold. Colony conditions were reported good with adequate stores and plenty of new clusters. Honey plants and moisture conditions were reported as fair to generally good with a mild winter.

North Carolina - No market conditions were reported. Colony conditions were reported fair for this time of year. Feeding had been necessary with about an overall average winter loss. Brood supply generally was reported good. Honey plant and moisture conditions appeared adequate with bees gathering pollen from maple, elm and some dandelion. Clover appeared to be growing nicely and looked excellent for an early honey flow.

South Carolina - No market conditions were reported as supplies apparently are extremely light. The central sections reported that, following the severe winter and unusually dry summer of the past season colony conditions were generally very poor. Moisture was now reported more than adequate with generally heavy tree budding. Honey plant conditions were not reported.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES (Continued)

Virginia - No market conditions were reported as most available supplies had been sold. Colony conditions were described as fair with some feeding necessary. In general winter losses seemed about average. Honey plant and moisture conditions were not reported.

Kentucky - Market conditions were reported very spotty with some suppliers reporting ample supplies and others apparently sold out. Reports indicated that the mild winter left bees in excellent condition with plenty of brood and left over winter stores. Bees were working pussywillow and red maple. Moisture levels appeared below average with a consequent detrimental effect on the early honey plant.

Tennessee - Market conditions generally were described as good with most local retail honey sold out. Generally bees wintered well with strong brood and some carryover of winter supplies. Honey plants looked good with red maple and elm in full bloom. Bees were reported to be gathering lots of pollen so beekeeper prospects looked fairly good.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES

Florida - Market conditions were described as normal for this time of year with very little honey available. Colony conditions generally were reported strong with good brood and fairly good swarming. Some feeding had been necessary where stores were light for the winter. Honey plants appeared to be doing well with the warmer weather. Tupelo and leaf buds were just swelling. The northern section reported citrus bloom approximately 3 weeks late in the Claremont section with a good nectar flow in progress in the Lake Placid area. Moisture conditions were reported to be adequate over the whole state.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES (Continued)

Georgia - Unusually cold and some warm weather occurring intermittently during month of March has resulted in considerable bee activity in Georgia at times; however, collection of pollen has been limited by many cold days throughout the State and also lack of available flowers. Most colonies were strong in bees at the end of February forcing bees to eat most of the stores, therefore feeding was heavy in South Georgia and moderate in Central Georgia. There has been very little feeding in North Georgia as bees have been mostly dormant. Bees in South Georgia have been barely making a living with no surplus made from Titi bloom which has been in light and flowers were left from blooming by so many cool and cold days. Even in north Central Florida where many beekeepers took their bees in February for orange blossom flow, they have had to feed. Heavy rains cut down flow in North Florida and warmer and drier weather was needed. Queen rearing and package bee shipment will be delayed from 2 to 3 weeks bring this operation under way about the middle of April. Colony conditions remained strong in bees, but weak and light on stores. South Georgia bees will be working black gum and some swamp gallberry in April, but the season will be late. There is still some shortage of glass containers for harvesting spring flow. In North Georgia, bees have done some flying and working a few mixed flowers.

Louisiana - Market conditions were described as only fair because of the warmer weather had slowed demand. Improved weather after March 20 helped bees to work blooming plants and much needed pollen was gathered. White clover was late and this should help the general situation if the bloom should last longer than normal. Ample moisture was reported.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1969
1968 Crop By Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

ITEM	Number of Loans Made	Quantity Put Under Loans	Pounds Loan Quantity Repaid	Loans Del. and Quantity Purch.	Quantity Outstanding
Alabama	6	196,020	115,830	-	80,190
Arizona	46	826,014	280,182	-	545,832
Arkansas	11	298,936	144,360	-	154,576
California	67	4,515,984	3,222,921	-	1,293,063
Colorado	2	56,538	-	-	56,538
Florida	62	2,405,588	1,828,428	-	577,160
Georgia	25	919,618	741,046	-	178,572
Idaho	15	1,098,522	81,400	-	1,017,122
Illinois	4	170,694	32,670	-	138,024
Iowa	15	584,798	360,504	-	224,294
Kansas	16	332,640	58,852	-	273,788
Louisiana	3	51,902	3,510	-	48,392
Michigan	7	61,578	18,490	-	43,088
Minnesota	33	1,212,617	369,906	-	842,711
Missouri	6	407,458	188,150	-	219,308
Montana	7	239,643	29,250	-	210,393
Nebraska	107	3,807,686	1,251,653	-	2,556,033
New Mexico	2	28,080	28,080	-	-
New York	2	17,280	6,480	-	10,800
North Carolina	6	77,067	27,528	-	49,539
North Dakota	13	416,155	98,298	-	317,857
Ohio	2	1,591,920	1,591,920	-	-
Oregon	5	54,360	13,650	-	40,710
Pennsylvania	2	57,762	6,221	-	51,541
South Dakota	44	2,515,089	699,472	-	1,815,617
Texas	62	1,576,630	912,582	5,346	658,702
Utah	8	150,342	7,920	-	142,422
Virginia	1	8,100	-	-	8,100
Washington	19	546,642	50,490	-	496,152
Wisconsin	23	533,654	54,328	-	479,326
Wyoming	4	193,644	64,152	-	129,492
Totals	625	24,952,961	12,288,273	5,346	12,659,342

Comparative Totals as of February 28, 1969

1968	1967	Crop 779	38,807,329	6,472,830	-	24,334,499
1967	1966	crop 763	30,436,250	3,785,476	-	26,650,774
1966	1965	crop 622	32,113,991	4,460,515	5,400	27,648,076
1965	1964	crop 523	16,927,310	2,317,423	-	14,609,887

CORRECTION: Last months report No. 2 Vol. LIII Page 12 2nd chart should have been 1968 crop instead of 1969 crop.



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Market conditions were reported good where honey was available. Colony conditions with some exceptions generally were described as good. Bees were fairly heavy in population and some problems with swarming were reported. Pollen and honey availability in the far south was improving with many areas indicating an early spring.

Moisture conditions were reported good to generally normal although some areas needed rain. Condition of honey plants in many areas appeared promising.

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HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING APRIL

These prices represent sales as reported by correspondent beekeepers and honey handlers. Because of many thousands of beekeepers and handlers in the country, these should be considered as representative prices and not as full, complete coverage of all transactions for any State or area.

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS:
		: OF SALE			: OF SALE
	2/	:		2/	:
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA			WISCONSIN		
White Sage	14¢ del.		Light Amber	(Container Returned)	14¢ del.
Light Amber Buckwheat	13½¢ del.		White Clover	(Container Returned)	15¢ del.
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA			White Mixed		15¢ del.
White Buckwheat - Sage (medium size lot) (new cans)	13½¢ del.		MINNESOTA		
Light Amber to Extra Light Amber Bean-Alfalfa (Small lot)	12½¢ del.		Light Mixed		14¢ del.
OREGON			PENNSYLVANIA		
Light Amber Alfalfa	14¢ del.		Light Clover		18¢ f.o.b.
IDAHO			Dark Wild Flower Buckwheat		18¢ f.o.b.
Water White Alfalfa (new cans)	16¢ f.o.b.		LOUISIANA		
TEXAS			White Clover		13½¢ del.
Water White Orange	16½¢ f.o.b.		Mixed Dark		11½¢ del.
NEBRASKA					
White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	15½¢ f.o.b.				
KANSAS					
Extra Light Amber Alfalfa	14½¢ f.o.b.				
MICHIGAN					
White Clover Alfalfa	16¢ del.				
Clover	13¢ del.				
Light Amber Mixed Flowers	15½¢ del.				

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PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 60-LB. CANS PER LB.</u>				
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa Clover	-	-	20¢
WASH.	Light Clover	-	-	20¢
COLO.	Extra White Clover Alfalfa	-	-	18 2/3¢
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	19¢	21¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	19¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	16¢	18¢	20¢
KANS.	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa	-	-	19¢
MICH.	White Clover	15¢	-	-
	Light Amber	13½¢	-	-
WISC.	White Clover	19½¢	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	20-22¢
IND.	Extra Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	-	28¢
ILL.	Light Amber Clover	13-15¢	-	-
	White Clover	20¢	-	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Golden Rod Purple Aster	18½¢	-	20¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	17¢	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 5-LB. JARS PER LB.</u>				
OREG.	Light Amber Alfalfa	23¢	-	-
	Extra White Alfalfa Clover	-	23¢	30¢
WASH.	Light Clover	-	25¢	27¢
COLO.	Extra White Clover Alfalfa	-	-	25¢
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	24½¢	30¢
MONT.	White Alfalfa and Clover	-	-	27¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	23¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	21¢	25¢	30¢
MICH.	Clover	-	-	22¢
WISC.	Off White Mostly Clover	-	21¢	-
	White Clover	24¢	-	20¢
	White or Better Clover	-	-	27-29¢
ILL.	White Clover	25¢	-	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Golden Rod Purple Aster	-	-	30¢
	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	25¢	30-33¢
PA.	Light Clover	-	25¢	30¢
	Dark Wild Flower Buckwheat	-	25¢	30¢
	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	29¢	37¢
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY, 12, 2-LB. JARS</u>				
		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
OREG.	Light Amber Alfalfa	7.32	-	-
	Extra White Alfalfa Clover	-	7.20	79¢
WASH.	Light Clover	-	7.50	63 1/3¢
COLO.	Extra White Clover Alfalfa	-	7.20	-
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	6.86	75¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.00	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	6.90	7.60	77½¢
WISC.	Off White Mostly Clover	-	6.00	-
	White Clover	6.60	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	6.80	71¢
N.Y.	Medium Dark Golden Rod Purple Aster	-	7.18	79¢
	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	7.68	79¢
PA.	Light Clover	-	6.90	72¢
	Dark Wild Flower Buckwheat	-	6.90	72¢
	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	7.80	85¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.20	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS</u>				
		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
OREG.	Light Amber Alfalfa	8.24	-	-
	Extra White Alfalfa Clover	-	7.92	43¢
COLO.	Extra White Clover Alfalfa	-	7.50	-
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	7.40	41¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.25	-
SDAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	7.00	7.80	41 2/3¢

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STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS (Continued)</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
WISC.	Off White Mostly Clover	-	6.90	-
	White Clover	7.20	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	7.10	41¢
ILL.	Light Amber Clover	7.00-7.25	-	-
	White Clover	7.10	-	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Golden Rod Purple Aster	-	7.25	45¢
	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	7.68	40-43¢
PA.	Light Clover	-	7.50	41¢
	Dark Wild Flower Buckwheat	-	7.50	41¢
	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	8.40	45¢
FLA.	Extra Light Orange	6.00	7.00	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	4.30	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8-OZ. JARS</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OREG.	Light Amber Alfalfa	4.95	-	-
	Extra Light Alfalfa Clover	-	5.04	29¢
COLO.	Extra White Clover Alfalfa	-	2.40	-
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	4.20	24¢
WISC.	White Clover	4.50	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	4.40	29¢
ILL.	White Clover	4.20	-	-
N.Y.	Amber Mixed Flower	-	4.80	26-28¢
	Medium Dark Golden Rod Purple Aster	-	4.52	25¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	5.00	28¢
<u>SECTION COMB 24</u>				
OREG.	Light Amber Alfalfa 24,	9.76	-	-
WISC.	White or Better Clover 10-oz.	-	10.80	60-65¢
PA..	Light Amber Clover Mixed 24, 12-oz.	-	10.80	60¢
<u>BULK COMB CHUNK PACK</u>				
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	10.80	60-65¢
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.50	-	-
<u>CREAMED HONEY</u>				
OREG.	Light Amber Alfalfa 12, 1-lb.	4.12	-	-
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	7.60	41¢
WISC.	White Clover 12, 1-lb.	3.60	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 10-oz.	-	6.30	39¢
N.Y.	Amber Mixed Flowers 24, 1-lb.	-	12.00	69-75¢

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN DRUMS

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE 1/		PRICES & BASIS	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE 1/		PRICES & BASIS
		OF SALE 2/			OF SALE 2/
OREGON			ILLINOIS		
	Light Amber Alfalfa	14¢ del.		White Clover	18¢ del.
MONTANA			FLORIDA		
	White Clover (Returned)	15¢ f.o.b.		White Orange	15½¢ del.
NEBRASKA			LOUISIANA		
	Extra White to White Sweet Clover			White Clover	13½¢ del.
	and Alfalfa (Exchanged)	15½¢ f.o.b.		Mixed Dark	11½¢ del.
MICHIGAN					
	White Clover Alfalfa	15¢ del.			
	Light Amber Mixed Flowers	14½¢ del.			
WISCONSIN					
	Light Amber (Returned)	14¢ del.			
	White Clover (Returned)	15¢ del.			
	White Mixed	15¢ del.			

SALES OF BEESWAX

STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS:		STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS:	
	: OF SALE	2/ :		: OF SALE	2/ :
TEXAS			MINNESOTA		
Yellow		73¢ del.	Light Yellow		50¢ del.
SOUTH DAKOTA			INDIANA		
Lemon Yellow		68-70¢ del.	Light Lemon		68¢ del.
IOWA			Dark		65¢ del.
Dark		62¢ del.	NEW YORK		
Light		65¢ del.	Yellow		74¢ del.
MICHIGAN			ILLINOIS		
Yellow		68¢ del.	Light		70¢ del.
Dark & Light		65+68¢ del.	CONNECTICUT		
WISCONSIN			Light		65¢ del.
Light		68-70¢ del.	PENNSYLVANIA		
			Light		67¢ f.o.b.
			KENTUCKY		
			Dark		65¢ del.
			Yellow		68¢ del.

FOOTNOTES FOR PAGES 1-4

1/ State of origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term "clover" includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping point; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

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Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packages, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for market where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days (10). Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of April. Sixty pound cans are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated. Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand good. Market about steady. Arrivals 169,600 lbs. domestic white clover. Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and retailers--

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.42-4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50
	Few Best Marks		7.50-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.65-4.35
	One Mark		4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35

CREAMED:

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.50

CHICAGO: Demand good. Market steady. Brokers and packers sales to wholesalers and other users.

EXTRACTED: 60-lb. Cans White Clover 16½-18¢
 Small lots 19¢
 Light Amber 16½-18¢
 4.15-4.25

6,	3-lb.	Jars	7.15
6,	5-lb.	Jars	4.20
24,	8-oz.	Jars	6.90
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	

CREAMED HONEY--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.15
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CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady. Arrivals 37,321 lbs. Brokers' sales to wholesalers and large retailers 16-lb. tins White Clover 18¢ Light Amber 16¢.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.45-7.30
	Plastic Creamed Honey		
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	4.55
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.75
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.30
	Plastic Squeeze		
12,	1-lb.	Honey With Comb	4.95
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
6,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.75
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Supplies light, but adequate for current needs. Market steady. Brokers' sales to retailers. Colo.-Nebraska-New Mex.-Kansas 60-lb. Tins Light Amber 17¢ Quality White 20¢.

DENVER: (Continued)

EXTRACTED:

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand fair. Market steady.

Arrivals 80,478 lbs. domestic. Brokers' and packers sales to retailers and wholesalers Mixed Flowers Mostly White Clover--

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	3-lb.	Few Jars	8.15
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.30
	Few		7.10
24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.85-3.90
	Few Lower		3.55
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.30-3.35

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer wholesale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.65
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Server Jar	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Plastic Squeeze Bottles--
 12, 12-oz. Bottle 4.20-4.35

Blended Flavors Extra Light Amber--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

CREAMED HONEY White Orange Clover

According to quality--

12,	1-lb.	Bowl	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Blended Flavors

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.25
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CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb) Honey Clover Sage-

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75

SECTION COMB Clover White--

12,	9-oz.	Sections	6.50
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STRAIGHT FLAVORS Safflower Light Amber--

12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.00

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

MINNEAPOLIS: Demand good. Market steady. Producer sales to brokers delivered Minneapolis basis via truck in 60-lb. tins Minnesota white weat clover 30-55 gallon drums at 14¢ with container exchanged. Light amber mixed flower 20-55 gallon drums at 11¢ with container exchanged. Beeswax 750 lbs. Cash 50¢ trade 52¢.

Sales to jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.55
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.75
CREAMED HONEY--			
6,	2-lb.	Spread	4.15
12,	10-oz.	Cups Spread	3.00
CUT COMB			
12,	11½-oz.	Packages	5.35

NEW YORK: Demand fair. Market firm. Arrivals by boat in cases-- Germany 1,840, Ireland 400, Australia 45, England 700, Holland 125, Mexico 35, New Zealand 90; in cartons-- Greece 250; in drums-- Mexico 920, Chile 307, Argentina 625.

Importers and wholesalers sales to trade, bakers and large users. Some Dealers Stated that domestic supplies are short except for Orange Blossom honey.

MEXICO TINS	EX Dock Per Lb.	16½¢
60-lb. Drums	EX Dock Per lb.	13½-15¢
MEXICO Tins		17½¢
60-lb. Drums		15-16¢
ARGENTINA Tins		15-3/4-16½¢
MIDWEST Light Amber Drums		17½-18½¢
Tins		20¢
White Clover Drums		18-19¢
Tins		20¢
NEW YORK Buckwheat		21-22¢
Light Amber		17-18½¢
OHIO Blend Buckwheat		18½¢
Light Amber		18½¢
White Clover		19½¢
Processed Packages and Bakers Sales		
and retailers prices 1 Mark Jars White Clover		
Fancy--		

24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.93
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.92
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.62
6,	5-oz.	Jars	3.50
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2-lb.	8-oz. Jars	4.75
		Colored Dish Bowl	4.55
Plastic Doll			4.35
1 Mark Extra Light Amber Jars--			
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.55
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.15
24,	5-oz.	Jars	3.40
4,	5-lb.	Tins	5.15
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05
Drums 650-lb. 22¢ Tins 60-lb. 24¢			
12, lb. Tins	25¢	1 Mark Light Amber Jars	
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.85
8,	3-lb.	Jars	6.90
Plastic 6, 5-lb.			6.20

NEW YORK: (Continued)

BEESWAX: Demand good. Market firm. Arrivals by boat in bags-- Chile 601, Haiti 77, Mexico 40, El Salvador 56, Dominican Republic 263, Brazil 100; in packages-- Egypt 94, Eritrea 41; in blocks-- Ethiopia 200; in cases-- Germany 1.

EX Dock per lb. Actual sales and offerings to dealers, refiners and importers--

AFRICA	84-87¢
CHILE	87-92¢
MEXICO	86-90¢
SAN DOMINGO	82-85¢
BRITIAN	83-87¢
HAITI	82½-83¢
PUERTO RICO	80¢
VENEZUELA	81¢

PHILADELPHIA: Demand good. Market steady.

Arrivals by rail and truck domestic 101,285 lbs. Sales by repackers to retailers, chains, bakers, and other large users.

EXTRACTED: Somatic Drums & 60-lb. tins			
per lb. White Clover Extra Light			18½¢
Light Amber			17½¢
6,	2-lb.	Jars	3.15-3.25
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.80-4.90
6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.85-6.90
6,	8-3/4 -lb.	Tins	11.00-11.10
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.30-2.40
12,	16-oz.	Jars	3.30-3.40
12,	2-lb.	Jars	9.05-9.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.10-4.20
24,	16-oz.	Jars	6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand fair. Market about steady.

Arrivals by truck mostly Midwestern 67,030 lbs. Brokers sales to wholesalers and large retailers outlets Clover and Light Amber

EXTRACTED:			
6,	2-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.20
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.90
CREAMED HONEY			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50

PORTLAND: Demand good. Market about steady.

Supplies short of needs with product being brought in from Montana. Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and large buyers.

6,	5-lb.	Tins	5.90-6.00
6,	4-lb.	Tins	5.45
12,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-6.90
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.30
12,	16-oz.	Jars	3.35-4.25
12,	24-oz.	Clover Fireweed	6.00
12,	10-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.85
12,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.80
24,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	6.60
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottle	3.85-4.25
12,	1-lb.	Spun Fireweed	3.90-4.25
12,	20-oz.	Spun Fireweed	4.95
Idaho and Montana			
12,	12-oz.	Clover Sage Orange	3.30
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Clover Sage Orange	4.65
12,	2-lb.	Creamed Clover Sage Orange	7.50
12,	2½-lb.	Jars Clover Fireweed	8.80
12,	1-lb.	Comb in Jar	5.75

SAN FRANCISCO: Market steady. Honey packer wholesale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight flavors: White or Better Orange, Sage and Clover According to Quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.67-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.29
Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--			
6,	5-lb.	Cans	5.64-6.76
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.00
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.21-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50-4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.67-4.68

Creamed: White Orange-Clover, According to Quality

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.69-3.97
24,	12-oz.	Jars (Spun)	7.88

CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb): Clover Sage

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.56-3.87
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.83-6.17

Various Blends: Mostly light amber alfalfa mixture; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users 60-lb. cans and drums (Container returned) 15-18 Occ Higher

SEATTLE: (Continued)

EXTRACTED: (Continued)

12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75-4.65
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.75
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-5.25
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.15-4.35

Fireweed--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	8.00

Orange and Sage--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
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Orange--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Apple--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Creamed--

12,	20-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottle	4.65
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12,	20-oz.	Plastic Cups	4.95
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12,	1½-lb.	Jars Spun	6.25-6.75
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12,	12-oz.	Bottles	3.25
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24,	16-oz.	Cups Spun	8.20
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24,	12-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
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Honey

12,	10-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	6.60
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Honey

24,	10-oz.	Cups	3.25
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Comb Honey Clover U.S. One--

12,	12-oz.	Packages	6.00-6.30
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5.25

ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market steady.

Brokers' sales to bakers.

EXTRACTED: Light Amber per lb. 17¢ White Clover 19¢

Wholesalers' sales to chains and large retailers

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
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6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
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12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.25
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12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
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12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
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12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	4.35
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12,	12-oz.	Creamed Jar	4.55
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12,	12-oz.	Creamed Glass	4.55
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24,	11-oz.	Comb	9.00
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SEATTLE: Demand moderate. Market steady.

Supplies slightly short of full needs. Sales to wholesalers and other large buyers of clover and alfalfa light amber or better Unless Otherwise Stated.

EXTRACTED:

12,	5-lb.	Tins	14.40
12,	4-lb.	Tins	10.90
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.00-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Jars	8.80
12,	2½-lb.	Tins	7.50-7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50

CALIFORNIA POINTS:

Weather for all California Districts during the first half of April - Temperatures were above normal over most of California early in the month with much above normal temperatures in the San Joaquin Valley and desert areas. However, a cooling trend resulted in averages being below normal throughout the State the second week of April. At mid-month a warm trend was again noted. Rainfall was moderate in all but the desert areas with additional snowfall at high altitudes. The total snowpack in the Sierras was still heavy at midmonth and at Norden, near the 7,000 foot level in the Sierras, measured 104 inches.

Weather for All California Districts during the last half of April - Temperatures during the last half of April were slightly below normal north of the Tehachapis and mostly above normal south of the mountains. Moderate to locally heavy precipitation occurred late in the period with snow in the mountains above 4,000 feet on the 23rd and 24th in the north two thirds of the State. Light precipitation fell earlier in this section also. The snowpack in the Sierras continued heavy with 94 inches on the ground at Norden, near the 7,000 foot level on Interstate 80.

Bee and Plant Condition for all California Districts - In Northern and Central California broodrearing has been active and colonies have greatly increased in strength. Beekeepers report three to eight frames of brood with colonies in generally good condition for upcoming honey flows. Almonds, pears, and other fruit bloom produced well. In Southern California colonies were reported in fair to good condition though many were light on stores. Colonies there may not be in full strength for the citrus bloom. However, cool weather has delayed both citrus and sage in Southern California.

Swarming was just beginning in most areas but was not expected to reach its peak for several weeks. Even in areas of packaged bee shipping some swarming has been reported. In the South state swarming was reported below average.

Bees were being moved to sage and citrus locations following completion of pollination activity. Some colonies were already being moved to clover and alfalfa seed fields though alfalfa seed fields were being cut for hay. Also, some colonies were moved to wild flower locations. Other colonies were moved to holding yards, awaiting a major honey flow.

No new pollination rentals were reported during the period. In the Tulare Lake region seven sections of alfalfa seed fields were under water caused by the heavy runoff from this year's snow.

Bees were working fiddleneck, filaree, mustard, orange, sage, wild flowers, red bud, eucalyptus, and wild flowers for nectar and most of these for pollen.

Honey plants appeared to be in good shape in most sections of the State. Prospects were favorable for good sage, orange, and buckwheat flows if weather conditions continued favorable. Cotton was being planted and safflower is up.

No new crop honey had been reported extracted by the end of April though some beekeepers were nearly ready to start.

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Continued)Southern California (First half of April)

Beekeepers offerings and dealer purchases were very light. Some dealers report colony strength was low and that they were selling feeding supplies to beekeepers in order to build up colony strength. Export trading was reported to be very light due to a shortage of export type honey.

Southern California (Last half of April)

Offerings and dealer purchases were light. Dealers reported prospects good for orange, sage, and buckwheat crops. Export trading was light due to a shortage of export type honeys.

Northern and Central California (First half of April) Beekeepers' offerings continued very light. Old crop supplies were nearly exhausted and little if any new crop has become available. A few small lots of old crop, extracted from colonies with a heavy carryover and large supplies from the fruit bloom, were reported offered. Dealers supplies were light and barely adequate for anticipated needs until new crop becomes available. Most dealers report demand from retail outlets has slowed with the warmer weather. However, an occasional dealer reported movement unusually good for the season. Glass and tin container supplies have improved and generally were adequate. Export interest was nominal. Beekeepers report prospects were good for an abundant honey flow from sage, citrus, vetch, and other sources.

Northern and Central California (Last half of April) Beekeeper offerings continued extremely light. Offerings to date have not included new crop honey, though some was expected to be extracted in the near future, weather permitting. Dealers report inventories very light but trading equally light. With reasonably early offerings of new crop honey in volume most dealers should be able to meet orders. Prospects for a good sage flow continued favorable. Orange flow will depend upon weather conditions but so far looks favorable in the Central San Joaquin Valley.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES:Oregon - No market conditions were reported.

Colony conditions were reported improved as bees gradually built up strength with favorable weather. Some winter losses were reported and the weaker colonies were still in trouble due to lack of winter stores. Willow and dandelion were just beginning to bloom and prospects looked good. Moisture appeared excellent with a fairly heavy snowpack still in the mountains. West of the Cascades favorable weather had given colonies an excellent chance to build up strength and there were scattered reports of swarming; but this should not be a problem for commercial beekeepers. The past 2 months have been unusually dry but not dry enough to seriously affect honey plants. Bees have had ample time to work the heavy fruit bloom. Crimson clover plantings appeared to have wintered much better than expected and were growing quite rapidly, however vetch stands were scarce.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES: (Continued)

Washington - Weather has been alternately warm and cool during the month with rains mostly light on several occasions during the latter half of the period. Most reports indicated fairly heavy to heavy replacements were necessary to rebuild colonies because of heavy loss during the winter. Some loss attributed directly to winter weather conditions; others, aftermath of poison spray.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES:

Colorado - Market conditions appeared normal for this time of year with perhaps a shade better for the season and prices remained fairly firm. Most colonies were reported fairly strong, but will need to be checked closely for possible shortages of pollen and honey. Bees generally wintered well except at high altitude locations where some losses were reported with as high as forty percent. Moisture conditions in the western area were reported as excellent. Bees were working better than normal on fruit bloom and dandelion and were having a good surplus and large brood reported. The north east area reported soil conditions on the dry side and while they have had several fair rains in the past month, they could stand more. The northwestern area reported colony conditions fairly good but the pollen supply was running low and most had been on extensive feeding since February. Honey plants and moisture conditions were reported reasonably good for this time of the year.

Idaho - Market conditions were described as strong with colony conditions reported approximately 80 percent of normal. Honey plant and moisture conditions were reported normal for this time of the season.

Montana - Market conditions were reported for the most part as exceptionally good. The short crop and early spring with good planting weather and early pollen supplies appeared to have helped beekeepers who sustained heavy winter losses. Those that survived appeared to be in excellent condition although a little light on feed. Early moisture supplies were good and plants appeared slightly above normal. Additional warmer days would be necessary for the much needed spring buildup.

Utah - No market conditions were reported. Bee losses in certain areas were reported to have been extremely heavy. With a late spring, bees were only now starting to build up their population. Honey plants have not bloomed as yet so that most bees were on supplemental feeding.

Wyoming - No market conditions were reported. Colony conditions were reported as excellent with populations strong although many colonies required feeding. Moisture in this area was reported much below normal indicating a late spring.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES

Arkansas - The northeastern area reported local consumer demand good. Colony conditions were described as fair to good with ample supplies and bees building up slowly for the spring crop. Moisture appeared adequate with honey plants generally in fair to good condition.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES:

Oklahoma - Beekeepers reported a fair demand for honey and prices remained about steady. Most colonies were building up steadily although nectar was scarce. Pollen appeared to be plentiful. In some areas fruit trees and dandelion were in bloom with temperatures generally 80 degrees daily. Vetch should be in bloom the later part of the month. Clover appeared to be in abundant supply. Soil has been a little dry but rain the later part of April helped improve moisture conditions.

Texas - The crop outlook in central and south Texas was reported good. Moisture was ample and bees were reported to be strong in population. Bee strength was reported as having built up so strong from early flows that with such large populations that if bad weather should occur bees could be starving very quickly. Big and small leaf persimmons should start yielding very shortly. Horsemint looked very good but there was little sign of bitterweed even though it bloomed until late fall. Moisture was reported excessive with at least one heavy rain each week in April. Crop planting was also being delayed. Vetch was showing a few blooms but the acreage appeared to be small.

PLAINS STATES

Iowa - Sales at retail levels were reported to be mostly good for those who had supplies. Colony strength was reported as varying from very weak to exceptionally good. Occasional areas reported only a very small number of bees on hand because of long hard winter while others reported a normal loss with colonies building up very rapidly. Most areas reported adequate moisture and generally above normal. Dandelion bloom was looking good with bees bringing in occasional supplies of pollen and nectar.

Kansas - Market conditions were described as fair to excellent where beekeepers still had honey to sell. Most colony conditions were reported as about average in strength buildup and in general appeared to be about three weeks ahead of a normal season. Winter losses had been very light in this area. Red bud, crab apple, cherry, peach, apples, dandelion and other ornamental plants were in bloom. Fruit bloom appeared to be at the peak. Moisture was adequate.

Missouri - Market conditions were reported good. Winter losses appeared to have been very light in this area and bees were building up rapidly because of the warm weather for the past several weeks. Good honey plant conditions and an abundance of moisture had produced adequate nectar and pollen for the bees.

Nebraska - Practically all honey was reported out of the producers' hands with buyers looking for supplies. Winter losses were described as spotty ranging from 10 to 60 percent. The long cold winter kept bees confined to hives and with no cleansing flights and honey still in some hives, the bees died from cold weather and lack of exercise. However, the situation appeared to be improving with warmer weather. Plant and moisture conditions should continue to improve steadily and the beekeepers were optimistic.

PLAINS STATES (Continued)

South Dakota - Demand was reported quite strong with honey moving well. Colony conditions were reported as unusual with at least a 60 percent bee loss in eastern South Dakota. One area reported approximately 103 inches of snow with bees having no flights from late November until early April. It was reported that the bees were so warm under the snow that much brood was produced in January and February. This apparently made extensive inroads on winter stores so that a great deal of supplemental feeding was necessary where the bees could be reached. Those that could not be reached for feeding froze out, almost entirely. Honey plant and present moisture conditions were described as very good.

CENTRAL STATES:

Illinois - Demand for honey reported steady with supplies becoming scarce. Colonies were reported strong with beekeepers starting to divide some colonies. Bees were bringing in large supplies of pollen and some nectar from maple and a few dandelion blooms. Although honey plants generally were reported in light supplies moisture was ample.

Indiana - Retail sales were reported slow. Colonies were described as generally fair to good. Dandelions were in bloom. Early fruit trees such as plums, cherries and peaches were in full bloom. Pears and apples were reported in the pink stage. Pollen appeared plentiful. Moisture was adequate.

Michigan - Market conditions were described as spotty. Colony conditions were reported generally fair to good. Some bees needed supplemental feeding while others were still heavy with winter stores. Queens were reported slow with egg laying for so late in the season. Estimated winter bee losses were generally reported at about 10 percent. Bees were working willow and soft maple on favorable days. Moisture had been adequate but the weather was reported cooler than normal for this time of the year with occasional reports of bad rainy weather.

Minnesota - Demand was reported good with supplies short in some areas. Colony conditions were described as poor to good. Some beekeepers reported losses of up to 20 percent while others came through the winter in fine shape. Moisture appeared adequate. Maple, alder and Willow were in bloom and pollen was being collected on days when flights were possible. Legumes appeared to have survived the winter in fine condition. White dutch clover was showing in pastures and lawns. Moisture was reported ample for both surface and subsoil.

Ohio - Demand for honey was good with a short supply. Bees appeared to have generally wintered well with some occasional exceptions. Generally most hives were reported building up population very rapidly due to the mild weather. Most honey plants were well along with a small amount of white clover. Moisture was reported adequate.

Wisconsin - Local honey sales mostly were reported as good with occasional beekeepers reporting sales as only fair. Colony conditions were spotty with some bees in excellent condition and others with losses ranging up to 100 percent. Bees appeared to be gathering some pollen. But in some areas were being watched closely for sudden depleting of winter stores. Populations were building

CENTRAL STATES: (Continued)

Wisconsin - Continued very rapidly with plenty of pollen and nectar coming from soft maple, elm, willow and other honey plants. Temperatures in some areas were reported below normal while others reported excellent honey flow weather. Soil moisture was described as normal to abundant.

NORTHEASTERN STATES

Connecticut - Market conditions were reported as fair to good. Bees were generally reported to be in excellent condition with capped brood present in fair amounts in the hives. Honey plant and moisture conditions were reported very good. Pussy willow blooms provided an excellent source of pollen during the month as mild weather had permitted sufficient bee flights. Red maple was beginning to bloom towards the end of April.

Massachusetts - Market conditions were described as fair. Colony conditions were reported good. Moisture for honey plants was plentiful.

New Jersey - Local retail sales were reported good. Colony conditions were reported excellent with bees rapidly increasing brood rearing due to abundance of early spring pollen. Also bees were in demand to pollinate blue berries and apples. Some strawberry growers were also experimenting with bee pollination in nearby areas. Moisture was reported adequate and most honey plants were in excellent condition.

New York - Market conditions were reported good to very good with most honey either sold out or moving much better than in the past several years. With some exception, bees were reported to have wintered much better than a year ago. Bees were working well and building up as weather permitted. Winter losses in some areas were high with some dysentery disease reported. Moisture conditions were excellent with clover plants beginning to show good growth and dandelion just beginning to bloom lightly.

Pennsylvania - Market conditions were described as good with retail sales at a steady level. Bees generally were reported in good condition with queens laying heavily. Soil moisture was described as sufficient for present needs although periodic showers would help considerably. Honey plants were reported in excellent to good condition.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

Maryland - No market conditions were reported. Colony conditions were described as above average with plenty of population and adequate stores due to the mild winter. Honey plants were growing nicely and while some rains could have been used to advantage the soil moisture was generally adequate.

South Carolina - No information on market conditions was reported. Colonies were described as in generally good condition. The weather had been cold but wild cherry & Tupelo were in full bloom. Moisture conditions were described as excellent.

Kentucky - Market conditions were reported as excellent due to the influx of tourist traffic with local buyers anxious for the arrival of the new crop. Bees generally were reported in excellent condition with plenty of pollen and a fairly good spring nectar flow from dandelion, elm and red bud. April had been reasonably warm and wet and colonies

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES (Continued)

Kentucky - (Continued) became fairly strong rapidly with only occasional swarming. Honey plants were apparently going to be early with moisture conditions adequate for present needs.

Tennessee - Market conditions were described as good with a steady demand. Also colony conditions were described as generally good with plenty of pollen stores and a fairly good supply of honey on hand. Fruit trees had just finished blooming in some areas and poplar and white clover should be along in about two weeks. Swarming, due to some excesses in population had become a problem in some areas. Pollen generally appeared plentiful. Honey plants and moisture were adequate.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES

Florida - No market conditions were reported. Considerable swarming was reported in some areas due to excesses in population. One beekeeper reported insecticide and nosema losses with many dead bees piled up around the entrance to the hives. Palmetto and gallberry were just starting to yield with black gums about finished blooming. Nectar flow appeared to be about average for this time of the year. Moisture was reported adequate.

Louisiana - One beekeeper described demand lowered because of warm weather and export sales appeared to be below normal. Colony conditions were described as only fair and that continuing rains had prevented bees from making the necessary cleaning flights. Cooler weather had slowed up the honey flow considerably in some areas. However, plant conditions were described as excellent and a good honey flow was expected if the weather improved.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES (Continued)

Georgia - Weather has been warmer during April, but nights remained cooler than normal and has slowed down bee activity some. Some areas needed rain. Bees have been fairly active especially last half of the month. They were in normal to slightly better than normal condition with almost no swarming to date. There was some feeding early in the month, but practically none during the past two or three weeks. Spring flow was two to three weeks late. Practically no honey was harvested to date and no prices reported. Package bees have been moving since early in the month although volume has been slowed down by scarcity of queens. Still, volume had been about normal thus far and about at peak at present. Bees were brought back from Florida during the month where while the last few days there they were able to do well. Tity flow was almost over. Bees in South Georgia have been working swamp gallberry and hill gallberry will be ready in 10 days. Blackgum flow was also over and was good. North and central Georgia bees were more active although cooler than normal weather had slowed them down some. They were in good condition and working mostly berries and mixed flowers.



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MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF MARCH 31, 1969
1968 Crop by Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

ITEM	Number	Quantity Put		Loan Quantity		Loans Del. and		Quantity	
	of	Under	Loans	Repaid	Pounds	Quantity	Purch.	Outstanding	
Alabama	6	196,020		159,192		-		36,828	
Arizona	46	826,014		372,564		-		453,450	
Arkansas	11	298,936		144,360		-		154,576	
California	67	4,515,984		3,430,830		-		1,085,154	
Colorado	2	56,538		-		-		56,538	
Florida	62	2,405,588		2,047,538		-		358,050	
Georgia	25	919,618		770,746		-		148,872	
Idaho	15	1,098,522		457,458		-		641,064	
Illinois	4	170,694		32,670		-		138,024	
Kansas	16	332,640		153,298		-		179,342	
Louisiana	3	51,902		3,510		-		48,392	
Michigan	7	61,578		18,490		-		43,088	
Minnesota	33	1,212,617		519,659		-		692,958	
Missouri	6	407,458		188,150		-		219,308	
Montana	8	242,019		95,940		-		146,079	
Nebraska	106	3,762,542		1,580,403		-		2,182,139	
New Mexico	2	28,080		28,080		-		-	
New York	2	17,280		17,280		-		-	
North Carolina	6	77,067		27,528		-		49,539	
North Dakota	14	452,875		267,336		-		185,539	
Ohio	2	1,591,920		1,591,920		-		-	
Oregon	5	54,360		23,730		-		30,630	
Pennsylvania	2	57,762		6,221		-		51,541	
South Dakota	44	2,515,089		1,498,900		-		1,016,189	
Texas	62	1,576,630		974,025		5,346		597,259	
Utah	8	150,342		42,372		-		107,970	
Virginia	1	8,100		8,100		-		-	
Washington	22	642,708		144,210		-		498,498	
Wisconsin	23	533,654		54,328		-		479,326	
Wyoming	4	193,644		92,664		-		100,980	
Totals	629	25,042,979		15,152,545		5,346		9,885,088	

Comparative Totals as of March 31, 1969

1968 1967 Crop	787	30,970,162	10,202,192	0	20,767,970
1967 1966 Crop	644	35,013,972	11,285,761	5,400	23,722,811
1966 1965 Crop	538	17,167,725	4,593,758	0	12,573,967
1965 1964 Crop	206	9,630,217	2,358,206	0	7,272,011



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THURSDAY, June 5, 1969

Market conditions were reported good where honey was available. Colony conditions with some minor exceptions generally were reported excellent. Bee populations were heavy with some acute problems with swarming reported.

Pollen and honey availability generally was improving with many areas reporting vigorous honey plant growth due to some excesses in moisture.

Moisture conditions were excellent to generally normal though some areas in Idaho, Utah and Louisiana were very dry and needed rain.

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HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING MAY

These prices represent sales as reported by correspondent beekeepers and honey handlers. Because of the many thousands of beekeepers and handlers in the country, these should be considered as representative prices and not as full, complete coverage of all transactions for any State or area.

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE 2/	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE 2/
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA			ARIZONA		
White Orange-Sage Mixture		14¢ del.	White Mesquite		13½¢ f.o.b.
White Orange (containers furnished)		14¢ del.	Extra Light Amber Mesquite		12½-13¢ f.o.b.
White Sage		14¢ del.	White Citrus		16½¢ f.o.b.
Extra Light Amber Alfalfa		14¢ del.	OKLAHOMA		
Light Amber Alfalfa		13½¢	White to Light Amber Clover Alfalfa and		
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA			Cotton		13¢ f.o.b.
Water White Orange (Small lot)		15¢ del.	SOUTH DAKOTA		
White Vetch (small lot)		14¢ del.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and		
White Sage (small lot)		14¢ del.	Alfalfa		16¢ f.o.b.
Mixed flower, light amber			KANSAS		
(Medium lot)		10-11¢ del.	Light Amber Alfalfa		14½¢ f.o.b.
Mixed Flower, light Amber (small			MICHIGAN		
lot old crop)		11½¢ del.	White Clover		13¢ del.
Extra White to Water White Orange			WISCONSIN		
(used cans)		14¢ del.	White Clover (container returned)		15¢ del.
White to extra white Orange (used			MINNESOTA		
cans -small lot)		14¢ del.	Light Basswood Sweet Clover		16¢ f.o.b.
Water White Sage		15¢ del.	ILLINOIS		
Extra White to water white Sage			White Clover		18¢ del.
(used cans)		14¢ del.	OHIO		
Extra white/better Sage		13 3/4¢ del.	Light Clover		15¢ del.
Extra Light Amber Sage (used cans			MARYLAND		
Small lot)		12¢ del.	Light Clover - Lima Beans		17¢ del.
White Sage-Eucalyptus		12½¢ del.	FLORIDA		
Water White Vetch		13-13½¢ del.	White and Better Orange Blossom		15-15½¢
COLORADO					
White Alfalfa Sweet Clover		15¢ f.o.b.			
IDAHO					
Water White Alfalfa-Clover (new crop)		16¢ f.o.b.			
High White Alfalfa-Clover (used &		15¢			
returned container)		15¢ del.			

PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
EXTRACTED HONEY 60-LB. CANS PER LB.				
WASH.	Light Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	20¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	16 2/3¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	-	-	19¢
OKLA.	White to Light Amber Clover Alfalfa and Cotton	13¢	-	16¢
	Light Sweet Clover	-	19¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	15-15½¢	17¢	20¢
KANS.	Light Amber Alfalfa	-	-	19¢
MICH.	White Clover	-	-	15¢
WISC.	White Clover	20½¢	-	-
	Water White Clover	-	18¢	20¢
	Light Amber	19¢	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	20-22¢
ILL.	White Clover	21¢	17¢	20¢
OHIO	Light Clover	-	20¢	-
N.Y.	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	-	18¢
	Medium Dark Goldenrod Aster	-	-	20¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Amber	20¢	-	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 5-LB. JARS PER LB.				
WASH.	Light Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	25¢	26 2/3¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	27¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	-	23¢	24¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	23¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	20¢	22¢	28¢
MICH.	White Clover	-	-	22¢
WISC.	White Clover	28¢	-	-
	Water White Clover	-	23¢	27¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	27-29¢
IND.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	-	28¢
ILL.	White Clover	25 1/3¢	20¢	25¢
OHIO	Light Clover	-	23¢	-
N.Y.	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	25¢	30-35¢
	Medium Dark Goldenrod Aster	-	-	30¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	29¢	37¢
MD.	Light Clover - Lima Beans	-	27 2/3¢	39¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Amber	25¢	-	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 12, 2-LB. JARS				
		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
WASH.	Light Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	7.50	66 2/3¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	-	6.90	-
TEXAS	White Citrus	-	-	70¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.25	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	7.00	7.40	76 2/3¢
WISC.	White Clover	6.60	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	6.80	71¢
OHIO	Light Clover	-	6.85	-
N.Y.	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	7.68	79¢
	Medium Dark Goldenrod Aster	-	7.18	79¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	7.80	85¢
MD.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed	-	-	43¢
	Light Clover - Lima Beans	-	7.95	-
W.VA.	Light Amber and Amber	7.50	-	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.20	-	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-lb. JARS				
		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
MONT.	White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	-	7.20	-
TEXAS	White Citrus	-	-	40¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.25	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	7.00	7.50	40¢
WISC.	White Clover	7.20	-	-
MINN.	White or better Clover	-	7.10	41¢

See Footnotes on Page 4

PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

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STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		:(Generally Delivered): (Generally Delivered): (Local Sales)		
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS (Continued)</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
ILL.	White Clover	7.10	6.07	66 2/3¢
OHIO	Light Clover	-	6.95	-
N.Y.	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	7.68	40-42¢
	Medium Dark Goldenrod Aster	-	7.70	45¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	8.40	45¢
MD.	Light Clover - Lima Beans	-	8.30	-
W.VA.	Light Amber and Amber	7.50	-	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.40	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8-oz. JARS</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
TEXAS	White Citrus	-	-	25¢
WISC.	White Clover	4.50	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	4.40	29¢
ILL.	White Clover	4.20	-	-
N.Y.	Amber Mixed Flowers	-	4.80	25-27¢
	Medium Dark Goldenrod Aster	-	4.52	25¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	5.00	28¢
MD.	Light Clover - Lima Beans	-	5.10	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	4.20	-	-
<u>SECTION COMB 24</u>				
MINN.	White or better Clover 13 oz.	-	10.80	60-65¢
OHIO	Light Clover 14-oz.	-	10.00	-
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed 12-oz.	-	10.80	60¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Amber 12-oz.	10.50	-	-
<u>BULK COMB CHUNK PACK</u>				
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	10.80	60-65¢
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.50	-	-
OHIO	Light Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	8.75	-
N.Y.	Amber Mixed Flowers 24, 1-lb.	-	12.00	69¢
MD.	Light Clover - Lima Beans 24, 12-oz	-	9.00	-
W.VA.	Light Amber and Amber 12, 2½-lb.	10.50	-	-
TENN.	Light Mixed 24, 1-lb.	-	-	40 2/3¢
<u>CREAMED HONEY</u>				
MONT.	White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 12, 1-lb.	-	4.00	-
WISC.	White Clover 12, 1-lb.	3.60	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover 12, 10-oz.	-	6.30	39¢
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.00	-	-
MD.	Light Clover - Lima Beans 24, 12-oz.	-	8.30	-

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN DRUMS

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE 1/		PRICES & BASIS:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE 1/		PRICES & BASIS:
		OF SALE 2/			OF SALE 2/
TEXAS			NEBRASKA		
	White Citrus	15¢ f.o.b.		White to Extra White Sweet Clover	
OKLAHOMA				and Alfalfa (Container Exchanged)	15½¢ f.o.b.
	White to Light Amber Clover Alfalfa		WISCONSIN		
	and Cotton	13¢ f.o.b.		White Clover (Container Exchanged)	15¢ del.
SOUTH DAKOTA			MARYLAND		
	Water White to White Sweet Clover			Light Clover - Lima Beans (Container	16¢ del.
	Alfalfa	15-15½¢ f.o.b.		Returned)	
IOWA			FLORIDA		
	Extra White Clover and Alfalfa	15¢ f.o.b.		Light Orange	15½¢ del.

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SALES OF BEESWAX

STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS:		STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS	
	: OF SALE	2/ :		: OF SALE	2/
CALIFORNIA			MICHIGAN		
Light	66-71¢	del.	Yellow	65¢	del.
Yellow	61¢	del.	WISCONSIN		
COLORADO			Light	68¢	del.
Light	68¢	f.o.b.	OHIO		
TEXAS			Light	70¢	del.
Yellow	70¢	del.	MARYLAND		
ARIZONA			Light	1.00	del.
Light Lemon	58-60¢	f.o.b.	VIRGINIA		
OKLAHOMA			Light	68¢	del.
Yellow	68¢	del.	Dark	65¢	del.
SOUTH DAKOTA			TENNESSEE		
Lemon Yellow	68-72¢	del.	Dark	62¢	f.o.b.
IOWA			KENTUCKY		
Dark	62¢	del.	Dark	65¢	del.
Light	65¢	del.	Yellow	68¢	del.
MICHIGAN			FLORIDA		
All	65-68¢		Yellow	70¢	f.o.b.

FOOTNOTES FOR PAGES 1-4

1/ State of origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term "clover" includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping point; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

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Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packages, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for market where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days (10). Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of May. Sixty pound cans are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated. Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand fair. Market steady. Arrivals 150,000 lbs. White Clover domestic. Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and retailers.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.42-4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50
	Few Best Marks		7.50-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.65-4.35
	1 Mark		4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35

CHICAGO: Demand fair. Market steady. Brokers and packers sales to wholesalers and other users.

<u>EXTRACTED:</u> 60-lb. Cans White Clover 16½-18¢			
	Small lots		19¢
	Light Amber		16½-18¢
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.15-4.25
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50
<u>CREAMED HONEY</u>			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.15

CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady. Arrivals 52,308 lbs. Brokers' sales to wholesalers and large retailers 16-lb. Tins White Clover 18¢ light amber 16¢

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.45-7.30
<u>Plastic Squeeze--</u>			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	4.55
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.75
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.30
<u>Plastic Squeeze--</u>			
12,	1-lb.	Honey With Comb	4.95
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
6,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.75
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Supplies adequate Market steady. Brokers sales to retailers-- Colo.-Nebr.-New Mexico 60-lb. Tins Light Amber 17¢ White quality 20¢

EXTRACTED:

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand fair. Market about steady.

Arrivals 84,691 lbs. domestic. Brokers and packers sales to retailers and wholesalers. Mixed Flowers mostly White Clover--

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	3-lb.	Jars Few	8.15
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.30
	Few		7.10
24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.85-3.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.30-3.35

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer whole-sale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.65
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Server Jar	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70
<u>Plastic Squeeze Bottles</u>			
12,	12-oz.	Bottle	4.20-4.35
<u>Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber</u>			
6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

CREAMED HONEY: White or Better According Quality--

12,	1-lb.	Bowl	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70
<u>Blended Flavors</u>			
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.25
<u>Chunk Pack (Bulk Comb) Honey Clover Sage--</u>			
12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75
<u>Section Comb Clover White--</u>			
12,	9-oz.	Sections	6.50
<u>Safflower Straight Flavor Light Amber--</u>			
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.00

MINNEAPOLIS: Demand good. Market stronger.

Producer sales to brokers delivered Minneapolis by truck-- Minnesota White Sweet Clover 42, 55-gallon drums at 14½¢ with container exchanged. Light Amber Mixed Flowers 11, 55-gallon drums at 12¢ with container Exchanged.

Beeswax 750 lbs. Cash 48¢ trade 50¢

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

MINNEAPOLIS: (Continued)

Sales to jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis.

Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.55
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.75
CREAMED HONEY			
6,	2-lb.	Spread	4.15
12,	10-oz.	Cups Spread	3.00
Cut Comb--			
12,	11½-z.	Packages	5.35

NEW YORK: Demand fair. Market firm. Arrivals by boat in cases-- England 4, Belgium 150, Germany 95, Jamaica 24; in cartons-- Italy 25, Greece 260, Poland 250; in drums-- Mexico 2,660, Argentina 1,195, Chile 181.

Importers and wholesalers sales to trade, bakers and large users.

MEXICO TINS EX DOCK	16½-17½
60-lb. Drums EX DOCK	13½-15
MEXICO TINS EX WHOLESALE	17½
60-lb. Drums	15-16
ARGENTINA DRUMS	15 3/4-16½
MIDWEST Light Amber Tins	20

White Clover Drums (Unprocessed)

<u>NEW YORK</u> Buckwheat	18-19
Light Amber	21-23
Ohio Blend Buckwheat	17-19
Light Amber	18½
White Clover	18½
Florida Orange Bakers	19½
	20-21

Processed Packages and brokers sales and retailers price 1 mark jars white clover Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.93
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.92
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.62
6,	5-oz.	Jars	3.50
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2-lb. 8-oz.	Jars	4.75
	Colored Dish Bowl		4.55

Plastic Doll

1 Mark Extra Light Amber Jars--

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.55
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.15
24,	5-oz.	Jars	3.40
4,	5-lb.	Tins	5.15
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05

Drums 650-lb. 22¢ Tins 60-lb. 24¢

12,-lb. Tins 25¢ 1 Mark Light Amber Jars		
24,	8-oz. Jars	4.20
12,	2+lb. Jars	6.55
24,	1-lb. Jars	6.85
8,	3-lb. Jars	6.90
Plastic 6, 5-lb.		6.20

BEESWAX - Demand good. Market firm. Arrivals

by boat in bags-- El Salvador 119, France 100, Mexico 408, West Africa 1364, Brazil 323, East Africa 40, Chile 702, Dominican Republic 356, Haiti 96; in blocks-- Mexico 72, West Africa 343, Ethiopia 373; in cases Germany 36; in packages-- Ethiopia 350.

NEW YORK: (Continued)

BEESWAX: (Continued)

Ex Dock per pound actual sales and offerings to dealers, refiners and importers.

AFRICA	85-90¢
CHILE	87-90¢
MEXICO	85-86¢
SAN DOMINGO	
	82-83¢
BRITIAN	83-87¢
HAITI	82½-85¢

PHILADELPHIA: Demand fair. Market steady.

Arrivals by rail and truck domestic 45,554 lbs. and Mexico 16,150 lbs. Sales by repackers to retailers, chains, bakers and other large users.

EXTRACTED: Domestic Drum & 60-lb. tins per lb.

	White Clover Extra Light	18½¢
	Light Amber	17½¢
6,	2-lb. Jars	3.15-3.25
6,	3-lb. Jars	4.80-4.90
6,	5-lb. Jars	6.85-6.90
6,	8-3/4-lb. Tins	11.00-11.10
12,	8-oz. Jars	2.30-2.40
12,	16-oz. Jars	3.30-3.40
12,	2-lb. Jars	9.05-9.15
24,	8-oz. Jars	4.10-4.20
24,	16-oz. Jars	6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand fair. Market about steady.

Arrivals by truck mostly Midwestern 47,328 lbs.

Brokers' sales to large wholesalers and large retailers of Clover and Light Amber extracted

6,	2-lb. Jars	4.75
6,	4-lb. Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb. Jars	4.20
24,	8-oz. Jars	4.90
CREAMED HONEY		
12,	12-oz. Jars	3.50

PORTLAND: Demand good. Market slightly stronger.

Supplies slightly short of needs. Brokers sales to wholesalers, chains and large buyers.

6,	5-lb. Tins.	5.90-6.60
6,	4-lb. Tins	5.95
12,	8-oz. Clover Jars	4.95-6.90
12,	12-oz. Jars	3.30-3.60
12,	16-oz. Jars	3.35-4.25
12,	24-oz. Clover Fireweed	6.00
24,	8-oz. Clover	4.95
Idaho-Montana--		
12,	12-oz. Sage	3.30
12,	1-lb. Creamed Clover Sage	4.65
12,	2-lb. Creamed Clover Sage	6.50
12,	2½-lb. Jars Clover Fireweed	8.80
6,	3-lb. Clover Sage	5.00
6,	3-lb. Clover	5.00
12,	1-lb. Comb in Jar	5.75
Oregon Clover Fireweed-		
12,	10-oz. Creamed Cup	2.85
12,	12-oz. Creamed Cup	2.80-3.30
24,	12-oz. Creamed Cup	6.60
12,	12-oz. Squeeze Bottle	3.85-4.25
12,	1-lb. Spun Fireweed	3.90-4.25
12,	20-oz. Spun Fireweed	4.95

SAN FRANCISCO: Market steady. Honey packer wholesale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight flavors: White or better Orange, Sage and Clover According to Quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.67-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.29
Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--			
6,	5-lb.	Cans	5.64-6.76
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.00
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.21-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50-4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottle	4.67-4.68

CREAMED: White orange-clover, According to Quality--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.69-3.97
24,	12-oz.	Jars (Spun)	7.88

CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb): Clover-Sage--

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.56-3.87
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.83-6.17

VARIOUS BLENDS: Mostly light Amber alfalfa mixture; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users 60-lb. cans and drums (Container returned) 15-18 Occ Higher

SEATTLE: Demand fair to good. Market steady.

Supplies slightly short of full needs. Sales to wholesalers and other large buyers of Clover and Alfalfa Light Amber or Better Unless Otherwise Stated

EXTRACTED:

12,	5-lb.	Tins	14.40
12,	4-lb.	Tins	10.90
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.00-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Jars	8.80
12,	2½-lb.	Tins	7.50-7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.50

SEATTLE: (Continued)

EXTRACTED: (Continued)

12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75-4.65
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.75
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-5.25
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.15-4.35

Fireweed--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	8.00

Orange and Sage--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
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Orange--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Apple

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Creamed--

12,	10-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottle	4.65
12,	20-oz.	Plastic Cups	4.95
12,	1½-lb.	Jars Spun	6.25-6.75
12,	12-oz.	Bottles	3.25
24,	16-oz.	Cups Spun	8.20
24,	12-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
		Honey	6.60
12,	10-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
		Honey	3.25
24,	10-oz.	Cups	6.00-6.30
		Comb Honey Clover U.S. One	
12,	12-oz.	Packages	5.25

ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market steady.

Brokers sales to bakers.

EXTRACTED: Per lb. Light Amber 17¢ White Clover 19¢ Wholesalers sales to chains and large retailers--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.25
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Creamed	4.55
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Glass	4.55
24,	11-oz.	Comb	9.00

CALIFORNIA POINTS:

Weather for all California Districts during the first half of May - Temperatures were mostly above normal in the central and northern part of the State but below normal on the south coast and south interior early in the period but by midmonth had returned to normal or above throughout the State. Scattered light showers fell over the State south of Sacramento and in the Cascade and Sierras. The Coachella Valley had its first rainfall since March and heavy amounts were recorded at San Bernardino. The snowpack in the Sierras was melting rapidly but at higher elevations was still well above normal. At midmonth snow on the ground at Norden measured 46 inches, compared with none at the same time last year.

Weather for all California Districts during the last half of May - Temperatures during the last half of May averaged above normal through most of the State. Persistent low cloudiness and drizzle was reported along the coast, with normal temperatures. Light widely scattered showers occurred in the extreme north at mid period. Due to the warm weather, the snowpack in the Sierras melted rapidly and water reserves for summer irrigation are excellent.

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - Colony conditions in Northern and Central California were good to excellent at the end of May. In Southern California colonies had been slow to build up due to the wet winter. Pollen and honey stores were generally ample and in instances considerable surplus honey had been made. Colonies were mostly at full strength and in most areas one or more major honey flows were in progress.

Swarming had been heavy during the month but by the end of May was beginning to taper off in most areas.

Some bees were being moved to alfalfa seed pollination locations, some to melons, and to onion and carrot seed locations. Rentals for pollination of melons, onions, and carrots ranged \$5.00-6.00 per colony. Some colonies were still being moved to sage locations, especially in Southern California and to buckwheat.

Bees were working wild lilac, Yerba Santa, sage, buckeye, ladino clover, trefoil, mustard, oranges, tarweed, vetch, eucalyptus, poison oak, avocado, mesquite, tamarisk, and various other wild flowers for nectar and many of these for pollen.

Extracting of new crop honey was becoming more common toward the end of May. Most of the honey extracted so far was sage but included some orange, vetch, eucalyptus, and mixed flower honeys. Quality was generally better than normal, very light in color, and of heavy body. Sage yields were reported in a range of 30 to 120 pounds and eucalyptus 30 pounds per colony. Yields from other sources have not yet been estimated. Reporting beekeepers indicated that they had approximately the same number of colonies as a year ago but that yield prospects were above a year ago.

Southern California - (First half of May)

Beekeeper offerings and trading were light. Dealers reported small purchases of new crop orange, alfalfa, and sage. Export trading was reported to be light.

CALIFORNIA POINTS:(Continued)

Southern California (Last half of May) Honey offerings and trading were light. Dealers reported offerings of new crop sage and orange but no large volume purchases made as yet. Very little alfalfa honey is available. Most dealers are optimistic as to prospects for a good sage crop, and also think there will be a good orange crop. Export trading was reported to be light due to a lack of export type honey.

Northern And Central California (First half of May) The first new crop honey was starting to arrive on the market. Dealer stocks were very light and most dealers were in need of new crop supplies to fill current orders. Beekeeper offerings and deliveries were increasing as sage, citrus, vetch, and mixed flower honeys were being extracted. Beekeepers report overall prospects excellent for a good sage crop this season though some individual beekeepers report light flows from sage. Citrus flows have generally been good and some old crop continued to be offered. Demand from retail outlets was average for the season but some distributors were running late on deliveries due to shortage of supplies. Exporting was limited.

Northern And Central California(Last half of May) Beekeeper offerings increased as more new crop honey was extracted. However, most offerings to date have been in light to moderate volume since beekeepers have been too busy to keep up with extracting. Unusually good flows of sage and vetch honey and good flows of citrus have been reported. The new crop is of excellent quality, including color, body, and flavor. Offerings have been mostly of light colors and the darker colors are still in short supply. Dealers have been actively purchasing new crop offerings but some are still short on light amber and darker colors. Demand from retail outlets was fairly active for the season. Export actively was at a near standstill.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES

Washington - In northwestern Washington colonies were in generally good condition. Weather was favorable for flights among chief sources of pollen were red raspberry and blackberry. White clover and vetch starting to blossom. Weather West of Cascades was in dry conditions and prevailed through most of May. Temperatures averaged above normal until the week of May 25 and have been below average since. In the central and southeastern areas weather was generally cool although there was a short period when temperatures reached into the high 80s and low 90 degrees. Some rain fell the latter part of the month. Bees particularly replacements were in good to excellent shape. Food supplies in the Ellensburg area were fully adequate most instances although in the Yakima and Lower Valley areas some supplemental feeding was necessary.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES

Colorado - The northwest area market conditions were not reported. Colony conditions were good for May. Honey plant and soil moisture conditions were reported good with cleome being early. Present conditions indicated an extremely dry season. The southwest area reported good local retail sales for

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES (Continued)

Colorado - (Continued) the period. Bees were stronger than normal for this time of the year. Stores were disappearing in hives at an alarming rate as the Dandelion flow had been extremely disappointing. Most areas were extremely dry and prospects for the Clover flow were not very promising at this time.

Idaho - Market conditions were not reported as all honey had been moved out of the hands of the producers. Colony conditions were reported as excellent with normal stores and plenty of bees on hand. Moisture was reported lacking with the soil dry and some areas reported only about 85 percent of normal rainfall with a consequent retarding effect on the growth of honey plants in those areas.

Montana - Market conditions were reported generally good with all the 1968 crop of honey shipped to packers and none in the hands of producers. Colony conditions were described as good for bees that survived an extremely hard winter. Colony losses in some areas were reported as high as fifty percent. However, some exceptions were noted with an average buildup, sunny spring weather and fresh honey and pollen available, bees have come back to fairly good strength. Clover was reported in short supply this year in the Southwest area; however, the central portion of the State reported Clover in abundant supply. Moisture conditions were reported about normal with some exceptions noted.

Utah - The northern area reported packers short of honey with a slight strengthening of the price structure, but still remaining below the 1962 and 1963 price level by approximately two cents per pound. Colony conditions were described as generally good especially where Dandelions were plentiful. Where Dandelion was short, bees did not fare quite as well. Honey plants generally were in short supply as the fairly wide shortage of moisture had most areas indicating drought conditions.

ARIZONA Market conditions were described as good. Movement by bottlers, wholesalers and retailers also reported good with most demand centered around extracted Mesquite honey. Colonies which had been on citrus and later on Mesquite were reported in good condition. Mesquite in desert areas was in plentiful supply and producing an excellent nectar flow. Several apiaries reported 40 pounds surplus and before the flow ends were expected to go to approximately 60 pounds of surplus. Mesquite, Tamarisk, Ironwood and Palo Verde were all yielding with some alfalfa blooming in irrigated sections.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES

Arkansas - Market conditions were reported good and, where honey was available for retail consumption. Colonies also were reported in good condition with strong Willow flow and an excellent spring buildup in bee strength. Vetch flow was just starting and promised to be good in localities where it had been planted. Moisture was described as adequate for the present with Clover and Legumes showing fair to good prospects.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES: (Continued)

Texas - Market conditions were described as excellent with honey indicated in short supply. Colonies appeared to be in excellent condition but swarming had been a problem in some areas due to too much rainy weather keeping bees confined to the hives. On warmer days, bees were too busy gathering pollen and nectar and swarming was not quite so noticeable. Honey plants appeared to be in good condition with Vetch blooming heavily and bees actively working it. Marigold was just starting to bloom with Horsemint abundant and prospects appeared excellent for a strong flow.

PLAINS STATES

Iowa - Market conditions were reported excellent with retail sales active at higher prices than last year. Colonies were building up rapidly with swarm cells becoming more abundant every day. The Dandelion flow was about over but had been generally average or slightly better, along with a good fruit bloom. Excessive rainfall the latter half of May coupled with cool cloudy weather was expected to bring on additional heavy swarming as bees were confined to the hives. Excessive moisture had soaked the ground well and honey plants were in excellent condition.

Kansas - Market conditions were reported as only fair. Jobbing inquiry had been good with only enough honey for the retail sales trade. Bees generally were in good condition with a slow buildup due to a generally early wet spring. Swarming was reported to be at a minimum. Moisture was ample with plenty of nectar and pollen available from shade trees, fruit orchards, Dandelion and ornamental plants. Clover apparently was late blooming because of the earlier excessive moisture conditions. Present moisture conditions were adequate.

Nebraska - Market conditions were reported very strong with most honey sold on contract for delivery in June and July. Colonies were very strong with excessive population and will need to be watched closely for early swarming. One beekeeper reported that bees had built their population on the best Dandelion and Wild Plum flow that he had seen in many years. No sugar feed substitutes were expected to be used due to the excellent nectar and pollen supplies. Honey plant and moisture conditions were very good. However, Clover appeared limited but what was available looked good.

North Dakota - Demand and prices were good with practically all of last year's honey moved to market. Bees were building up normally but over-wintered colonies were getting short of stores due to adverse weather conditions. Clover appeared to be abundant with present moisture conditions barely adequate; and, rain will be needed soon.

South Dakota - Demand was continuing steady with many inquiries for honey but none reported available for sale. Winter losses were estimated at approximately 40 to 50 percent but since the Dandelion flow was good and buildup from this source was normal, many beekeepers had been able to split their hives. Moisture conditions appeared normal with adequate early honey plants.

CENTRAL STATES

Illinois - Market conditions were reported only moderate with small bottlers mainly out of honey or finding it very difficult to locate. Hive population was reported good and had gained greatly from a good prolonged Dandelion flow with some swarming reported. Moisture conditions were reported adequate with more honey plants available for bees this year.

Indiana - Market conditions were generally reported as steady although roadside sales had been slow. One beekeeper in the eastern area reported that many colonies were weak due to dysentery caused by the poor quality of honey stores last winter. Colony loss was reported heavy in many yards mainly in proportion to the quality of the stores in the hives. Losses were estimated at about 15 percent but with some areas reporting excellent colony conditions with excess populations and some swarming. Honey plants were in excellent bloom with a good fruit and Dandelion flow. Locust was in bloom with Sweet Clover just heading up. Moisture generally was reported adequate.

Michigan - Local market conditions generally were reported fairly good and beekeepers were looking ahead to a bumper crop this year. Bees had been building up steadily and some swarming had been noted; but, since the weather had been cold and damp, this naturally had restricted working opportunities somewhat. Fruit growers had been concerned about pollination with so much cold damp weather but this caused the bloom to stay on plants for a longer time so a reasonable fruit set may be expected. Dandelion and fruit flow had been extended but was never very intense. Local colony weight had increased very little. Moisture was more than ample.

Minnesota - Market conditions were reported normal and slightly above average but very little of the 1968 crop was left. Colony conditions were described as very good with bees building up populations from a good flow of willow and Dandelion with White Dutch, Clover about ready to start blooming. Legumes were in excellent condition with good weather and fine prospects of a good crop. Moisture conditions appeared adequate to heavy.

Ohio - Market conditions were good for this time of year with two and five pound glass jars reported selling best. Chunks were moving very slow. Bees were reported in fair to very strong condition with little or no swarming problems. Clover looked good with a fair Locust flow with generally adequate soil moisture.

Wisconsin - Demand at the local level ranged from slow to excellent with prices holding fairly steady to slightly ahead of last year's prices in some instances. Colony conditions were reported building up well for those that came through the winter in generally good condition. The weak colonies had not been able to build up as some winter losses were reported as high as 40 percent. Population buildup in some colonies was sufficient to make divisions early so that the flow from fruit bloom, Mustard and Dandelion helped to increase local bee populations. Moisture had been adequate and future honey plant prospects appeared excellent.

NORTHEASTERN STATES

Massachusetts - Market conditions were reported as fair. Colony conditions were reported excellent with a good buildup in population with little or no swarming. Moisture conditions were good with prospects of a good flow with adequate honey plants expected.

New Jersey - The central area reported that retail sales demand continued seasonal with plenty of honey available. Colonies were reported as adequate in stores and population. Nectar availability from Locust and Tulip Poplar were reported good. Moisture was adequate for the present.

New York - Retail sales were reported slow but apparently normal for this time of year. Colony conditions were favorable with the spring buildup generally unusually good. Some swarming was reported in over-populated hives. Surplus honey in some areas had been reported as better than average with one beekeeper reporting over 70 pounds so far. More than adequate moisture had helped most honey plants and had promoted extremely vigorous conditions.

Pennsylvania - Retail sales of honey were reported moving very well. Bees were in good condition with an adequate honey flow in and some extracting supers filled. Locust was in bloom and Clover was just beginning to bloom. Moisture was reported excellent.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

Maryland - No market conditions were reported as most beekeepers had apparently sold all their 1968 crop. Colony conditions were reported strong to excellent with population and stores heavy and little or no swarming reported. Tulip Popular was just beginning to bloom with Clover due to bloom in about 7 days. Prospects for a bumper crop appeared likely providing more moisture becomes available during the next several weeks.

Virginia The 1968 honey crop appeared to be sold out. New crop honey was expected to be on the market in about 2 weeks. Colonies were reported to be in good condition with plenty of bees and little or no swarming. Tulip Poplar had produced well and Sourwood growth was looking good. Moisture was reported adequate.

Kentucky - Market conditions were reported as ranging from fair to generally good at retail stores and roadside stands. Colony conditions were reported very good to excellent with very little swarming although some additional feeding had been required. Blackberries, Dandelion and Locust flow was reported very good. White and Yellow Sweet Clover was just starting to bloom and honey plants generally appeared to be in excellent condition over a wide area because of plentiful rainfall.

Tennessee - Market conditions were reported good to strong and in some instances were reported to be the best in years. Colony conditions were described as generally strong with plenty of young brood and adequate stores and with considerable swarming early in May. Moisture conditions appeared ideal with honey plants producing a heavy bloom.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES

Florida - A good crop was reported with very good quality and moving well at retail levels. Colony conditions were described as good. Gallberry and Palmetto prospects were reported as spotty. Moisture conditions were reported generally just fair.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES (Continued)

Georgia - May weather has been normal in Georgia, but rains in the latter part of the month have delayed bee activity some. Black Gum and Tupelo flows were normal and Tyty flow was good, but all are over now. Gallberry flow started good and then rain in the late part of the month practically stopped flow. Palmetto flow just getting started and prospects were very good for excellent flow. Overall, the crop was as good or better than the spring of 1968. Flow this year was better for Black Gum and Tyty. Colonies were strong and bees were in good condition throughout the State. In central Georgia, bees were busy working Gallberry and flow has been good. Bees in North Georgia were quite active and working mostly wild or mixed flowers. Queen and package bee shipping season was

SOUTHEASTERN STATES (Continued)

Georgia - (Continued) about over and movement has been normal. The amount of Chunk Comb Honey was believed will be about equal to last season. Gallberry and Tupelo extracted about 14 to 15 cents. No sales as yet on comb but expected to be about same as last year with cases of two and half pound jars to be offered around \$8.50-9.00.

Louisiana - Market conditions were reported dull and possibly worse than last year. Colonies were reported only fair except where bees were damaged by various causes. Rain had been so frequent since last December that bees were unable to make many flights so little surplus was left in the hives. Under those conditions, no honey surplus had been possible.

MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF APRIL 30, 1969
1968 Crop by Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

ITEM	Number		Pounds				Quantity Outstanding
	of	Loans Made	Quantity Put Under Loans	Loan Quantity Repaid	Loans Del. and Quantity Purch.		
Alabama	6		196,020	196,020	-	-	-
Arizona	46		826,014	527,382	-	-	298,632
Arkansas	11		298,936	298,936	-	-	-
California	67		4,515,984	3,700,068	-	-	815,916
Colorado	2		56,538	38,502	-	-	18,036
Florida	62		2,405,588	2,266,262	-	-	139,326
Georgia	25		919,618	773,813	-	-	145,805
Idaho	15		1,098,522	550,281	-	-	548,241
Illinois	4		170,694	80,622	-	-	90,072
Iowa	15		584,798	527,390	-	-	57,408
Kansas	17		343,332	184,734	-	-	158,598
Louisiana	3		51,902	3,510	-	-	48,392
Michigan	8		61,848	18,490	-	-	43,358
Minnesota	33		1,095,005	610,685	-	-	484,320
Missouri	6		407,458	385,358	-	-	22,100
Montana	8		242,019	220,041	-	-	21,978
Nebraska	106		3,762,542	2,490,958	-	-	1,271,584
New Mexico	2		28,080	28,080	-	-	-
New York	2		17,280	17,280	-	-	-
North Carolina	6		77,067	54,332	-	-	22,735
North Dakota	14		452,875	299,874	-	-	153,001
Ohio	2		1,591,920	1,591,920	-	-	-
Oregon	5		54,360	28,860	-	-	25,500
Pennsylvania	2		57,762	12,821	-	-	44,941
South Dakota	44		2,515,089	1,731,403	-	-	783,686
Texas	62		1,576,630	1,151,868	5,346	-	419,416
Utah	8		150,342	73,422	-	-	76,920
Washington	22		642,708	236,550	-	-	406,158
Wisconsin	23		533,654	91,192	-	-	442,462
Wyoming	4		193,644	193,644	-	-	-
Virginia	1		8,100	8,100	-	-	-
Totals	631		24,936,329	18,392,398	5,346	-	6,538,585

Comparative Totals as of April 30,

1968 1967 Crop	787	30,988,324	14,424,302	212,652	16,351,370
1967 1966 Crop	643	35,051,438	18,704,189	18,468	16,328,781
1966 1965 Crop	543	17,240,625	5,729,557	-	11,511,068
1965 1964 Crop	207	9,636,967	3,385,892	-	6,251,075

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Market conditions were reported generally good with old crop supplies nearly cleaned up. Very little new crop honey has been offered to date, however, many sections will begin to extract the spring flow soon.

Colony conditions were generally good with adequate population and better than average stores. The north central States were the exception as inclement weather during the period limited bee activity. The Atlantic and South Atlantic States reported the best spring flow in recent years.

Overall, honey plant and moisture conditions were generally good. Soil moisture content dropped in some areas late in June as hot, dry weather prevailed.

HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING JUNE

These prices represent sales as reported by correspondent beekeepers and honey handlers. Because of the many thousands of beekeepers and handlers in the country, these should be considered as representative prices and not as full complete coverage of all transactions for any State or area.

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS:
		: OF SALE 2/ :			: OF SALE 2/ :
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA			CENTRAL CALIFORNIA (Continued)		
Water White Sage		15¢ del.	Light Amber Eucalyptus (small lot		
Extra White to Water White Sage			Container furnished)		9½¢ del.
(Cans Returned)	13	3/4¢ del.	Light Amber Trefoil-Fiddleneck		
White to Extra White Sage		13½¢ del.	(small lot)		10½¢ del.
White or Better Sage		14¢ del.	Light Amber Vetch-Apple (small lot		11¢ del.
Extra Light Amber Sage		12½¢ del.	Extra Light Amber Apple-Wild Flower		
White Sage		15¢ del.	(Small lot, container furnished)		12¢ del.
Extra White and White to Extra White			SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		
Sage		14¢ del.	White Sage (Some cans furnished)		14¢ del.
Extra Light Amber Sage-Buckwheat		12½¢ del.	White to Extra White Sage		14¢ del.
Light Amber Sage-Buckwheat		11½¢ del.	White Orange (Some cans Furnished)		14¢ del.
Water White Orange		15¢ del.	White to Extra White Orange		14-14½¢ del.
White or Better Orange	13½	-14¢ del.	ARIZONA		
Extra Light Amber Orange		12½¢ del.	White Mesquite		13½¢ f.o.b.
Extra White and White to Extra White			Extra Light Amber Mesquite and Mixed		
Orange		14¢ del.	Flower		12½¢ f.o.b.
Low White Clover (Small lot)		12¢ del.	OKLAHOMA		
Light Amber Mixed Flower		11½¢ del.	White Clover		13 3/4¢ f.o.b.
Light Amber Mixed Flower (Old & new			MICHIGAN		
Crop - Cans Furnished)		10¢ del.	White Clover		13¢ del.
Extra Light Amber Mixed Flower (Small			WISCONSIN White Clover (Container Returned)		15¢
lot - cans furnished)		10½¢ del.	ILLINOIS		
Light Amber Mixed Flower (small lot,			Light Amber Clover		15¢ f.o.b.
old crop)		10¢ del.	Amber Mixed		15¢ del.
Extra Light Amber Alfalfa (old crop,			OHIO		
Container exchanged)		12¢ f.o.b.	Light Clover		15¢ del.
Light Amber Alfalfa (New & old Crop)		11½¢ del.	MARYLAND		
Light Amber Safflower-Alfalfa (container			Light Amber Clover and Mixed		17¢ del.
furnished)		11¢ del.			
Extra Light Amber Eucalyptus (small lot					
containers furnished)		11¢ del.			
White Eucalyptus (Container furnished)		12¢ del.			

PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 60-LB. CANS PER LB.</u>				
WASH.	Light Clover	-	-	20¢
COLO.	Alfalfa Clover	-	-	18½¢
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	19¢	20½¢
MONT.	White Clover	-	-	19¢
	White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	-	-	19¢
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	16¢	18¢	20¢
WISC.	White Clover	19½¢	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	20-22¢
	White Clover	-	-	19¢
ILL.	Light Amber Clover	18¢	-	-
	Amber Mixed	-	-	17½-18¢
OHIO	White Clover	14½¢	-	-
	Light Clover	15¢	20¢	-
N.Y.	Medium-Dark Goldenrod	-	-	20¢
W.VA.	Amber and Light Amber	20¢	-	-
FLA.	Light Tupelo	36¢	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 5-LB. JARS PER LB.</u>				
WASH.	Light Clover	-	25¢	27¢
COLO.	Alfalfa Clover	-	-	20¢
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	25¢	29¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	-	23¢	24¢
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	20¢	22¢	28¢
MICH.	White Clover	-	-	22¢
WISC.	White Clover	24¢	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	27-29¢
IND.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	-	28¢
ILL.	Amber Mixed	-	-	25¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	24¢	30¢
	Light Clover	-	23¢	-
N.Y.	Medium-Dark Goldenrod	-	-	30¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	29¢	37¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Amber Honey	25¢	-	-
FLA.	Light Tupelo	40¢	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 12, 2-LB. JARS</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
WASH.	Light Clover	-	7.50	66 2/3¢
COLO.	Alfalfa Clover	-	7.20	-
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	6.96	75¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	-	6.70	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	7.00	7.40	79¢
WISC.	White Clover	6.60	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	6.80	71¢
	Extra White Clover	-	6.95	75¢
	White Clover	-	6.36	-
ILL.	Amber Mixed	-	-	70¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	6.90	-
	Light Clover	-	6.85	-
N.Y.	Medium-Dark Goldenrod	-	7.18	-
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	7.80	85¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Amber Honey	7.60	-	-
TENN.	Amber Red Clover	14.40	-	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.20	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-lb. JARS</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
COLO.	Alfalfa Clover	-	7.50	-
	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	7.40	41¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	-	7.20	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	7.00	7.50	40¢
WISC.	White Clover	7.20	-	-

PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

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STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)

EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS (Continued)		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	6.80	71¢
	Extra White Clover	-	6.95	75¢
	White Clover	-	6.36	-
ILL.	Light Amber Clover	-	7.50	-
	Amber Mixed	-	-	32 1/6¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	7.20	-
	Light Clover	-	6.95	-
N.Y.	Medium-Dark Goldenrod	-	7.02	-
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	8.40	45¢
W.VA.	Amber and Light Amber Honey	7.60	-	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.40	-	-

EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8-oz. JARS		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
COLO.	Alfalfa Clover	-	4.80	-
	White alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	4.20	25¢
WISC.	White Clover	4.50	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	4.40	29¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	4.20	-
N.Y.	Medium-Dark Goldenrod	-	4.52	-
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	5.00	28¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	4.30	-	-

SECTION COMB 24

MINN.	White or Better Clover 13-oz.	-	10.80	60-65¢
OHIO	Light Clover 1-lb.	-	8.75	-
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed 12-oz.	-	10.80	60¢
W.VA.	Amber and Light Amber 12-oz.	10.32	-	-

BULK COMB CHUNK PACK

MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	10.80	60-65¢
OHIO	White Clover 12, 1-lb.	-	4.50	-
W.Va.	Amber and Light Amber Honey 12, 2½-lb.	10.50	-	-

CREAMED HONEY

COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 24, 1-lb. (tubes)	-	7.60	41¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 12, 1-lb.	-	4.00	-
WISC.	White Clover 12, 1-lb.	3.80	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 10-oz.	-	6.30	39¢
	White Clover 24, 14-oz.	-	7.20	-
OHIO	White Clover 12, 1-lb.	-	3.85	-

SALES OF BEESWAX PER POUND

STATE AND COLOR		PRICES & BASIS: OF SALE 2/	STATE AND COLOR		PRICES & BASIS: OF SALE 2/
CALIFORNIA			MICHIGAN		
	Yellow	50¢ del.		Yellow	68¢ del.
ARIZONA				Dark	65¢ del.
	Light	60¢ f.o.b.	MINNESOTA		
	Dark	58¢ f.o.b.		Light	68¢ del.
OKLAHOMA				Light Yellow	68¢ del.
	Light	68¢ del.	ILLINOIS		
SOUTH DAKOTA				Light	68-70¢ del.
	Lemon Yellow	68-70¢ del.	OHIO		
IOWA				Light	70¢ del.
	Dark	62¢ del.	VIRGINIA		
	Light	65¢ del.		Light	68¢ del.
FLORIDA				Dark	65¢ del.
	Yellow	76¢ del.	KENTUCKY		
				Dark	65¢ del.
				Yellow	68¢ del.

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN DRUMS

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE		1/	:PRICES & BASIS:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE		1/	:PRICES & BASIS:
			: OF SALE 2/ :				: OF SALE 2/ :
ARIZONA				FLORIDA			
White Mesquite			13½¢ del.	Light Tupelo			26½¢ f.o.b.
SOUTH DAKOTA				Amber Mixed Flower			
Water White to White Sweet Clover				White Orange			12¢ f.o.b.
and Alfalfa			16¢ f.o.b.	LOUISIANA			
WISCONSIN				Light Amber Mixed Clover			
White Clover (Container Returned)			15¢				17¢ f.o.b.
MINNESOTA							
White Clover			16¢ f.o.b.				
Light Clover Basswood			15¢ f.o.b.				
TENNESSEE							
Amber Red Clover			45¢ del.				

FOOTNOTES FOR PAGES 1-4

1/ State or origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term "clover" includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping point; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

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Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packagers, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for markets where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days (10). Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of June. Sixty pound cans are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated. Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand slow. Market dull. Arrivals 113,992 lbs. Domestic White Clover. Brokers' L.C.L. Sales to Wholesalers, Chains and Retailers.

EXTRACTED:			
6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.42-4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50
		Few Best Marks	7.50-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.65-4.35
		1 Mark	4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35
CREAMED			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.50

CHICAGO: Demand fair. Market steady. Brokers' and packers' sales to wholesalers and other users.

EXTRACTED:			
60-lb.	Cans White Clover	16½-18¢	
	Small Lots	19¢	
	Light Amber	16½-18¢	
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.15-4.25
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50
CREAMED HONEY			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.15

CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady. Arrivals 32,470 lbs. Sales to wholesalers and large retailers.

EXTRACTED:			
16-lb.	Tins White Clover	18¢	
	Light Amber	16¢	
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.45-7.30
	Plastic Cream Honey		
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	4.55
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.75
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.30
	Plastic Squeeze		
12,	1-lb.	Honey With Comb	4.95
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
6,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.75
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Supplies adequate. Market steady. Brokers' sales to retailers--Colo.-Nebr.-New Mexico 60-lb. Tins Light Amber 17¢ Quality White 20¢.

DENVER: (Continued)

EXTRACTED:			
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand fair. Market about steady. Arrivals 85,886 lbs. domestic. Brokers' and packers sales to retailers and wholesalers Mixed Flowers mostly White Clover-

EXTRACTED:			
6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	3-lb.	Jars	8.15
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.30
24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.85-3.90
		Few	3.82
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.30-3.35

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer wholesale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	7.65
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	
		Bottles	4.20-4.35

Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

CREAMED: White Orange-Clover, According to Quality--

12,	1-lb.	Bowls	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Cups or Jars	2.70

CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb)-- Clover Sage

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75

SECTION COMB: White Clover

12,	9-oz.	Sections Fancy	6.50
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VARIOUS BLENDS: Mostly light amber alfalfa mixture; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users (Containers returned) 15½-16½¢

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

MINNEAPOLIS: Demand good. Market steady.

Producer sales to brokers delivered Minneapolis basis via truck in 60-lb. tins. Minnesota White Sweet Clover 38-55 gallon drums at 14½¢ with container exchanged. Light Amber Mixed Flowers 175-60 gallon at 12¢ with container exchanged.

Beeswax 575 lbs. 48¢ trade 50¢.

Sales to jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.55
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.75
CREAMED HONEY			
6,	2-lb.	Spread	4.15
12,	10-oz.	Cups Spread	3.00
CUT COMB			
12,	11½-oz.	Packages=	5.35

NEW YORK: Market steady. Importers and wholesalers sales to trade, bakers and large users. Arrivals by boat in drums-- Argentina 390, Mexico 356, Chile 181; in cases-- Greece 210, England 215, Germany 370; in cartons-- Italy 100, Greece, 150, Australia 25.

EX DOCK Mexico Tins	16½-17¢
Drums 650-lb.	13½-15¢
EX DOCK Argentina Drums	15½-16½¢
EX WHOLESALE MEXICO Tins	17½¢
Drums	15-16¢

SOUTH WEST Texas Light Amber Drums

Ex Wholesale New York	14¢
MIDWEST Light Amber Tins	17½-18½¢
MIDWEST White Clover Tins	19½¢
NEW YORK Buckwheat	12-23¢
NEW YORK Light Amber	18¢
FLORIDA Orange Bakers Tins	21½¢
Drums	20¢
OHIO Buckwheat	18½¢

Processed Packages and Bakers Sales to wholesalers and retailers Price 1 mark jars white

Clover Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.93
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.92
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.62
6,	5-oz.	Jars	3.50
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2-lb. 8-oz.	Jars	4.75
	Colored Dish Bowl		4.55
	Plastic Doll		4.55

Extra Light Amber Jars--

6,	5-lb.	Jars v	7.55
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.15
24,	5-oz.	Jars	3.40
4,	5-lb.	Tins	5.15
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05

Drums 650-lb. 22¢ Tins 60-lb. 24¢

12,-lb.	Tins 25¢ 1 Mark Light Amber Jars	
24,	8-oz. Jars	4.20
12,	2-lb. Jars	6.55
24,	1-lb. Jars	6.85
8,	3-lb. Jars	6.90
	Plastic 6, 5-lb.	6.20

NEW YORK: (Continued)

BEESWAX

Arrivals by boat in bags-- Brazil 366, Chile 1,245, Dominican Republic 210, El Salvador 21, Ethiopia 175, Haiti 90, Mexico 447, Peru 39; in cases-- Germany 30; in packages-- Ethiopia 91, Mexico 203; in blocks-- West Africa 60.

EX DOCK Number per lb. Actual sales and offerings to dealers, refiners and importers--

AFRICA	84090¢ -
CHILE	86-90¢
MEXICO	85-87¢
SAN DOMINGO	82-85¢
HAITI	82-83¢

PHILADELPHIA: Demand fair. Market steady.

Arrivals by rail and truck 29,640 lbs. domestic and Chile 63,350 lbs. Sales by repackers to retailers, chains, bakers and other large users.

EXTRACTED

Domestic Drums and 60-lb. tins per lb.

White Clover	Extra Light	18½¢
Light Amber		17½¢
6,	2-lb. Jars	3.15-3.25
6,	3-lb. Jars	4.80-4.90
6,	5-lb. Jars	6.85-6.90
6,	8-3/4-lb. Tins	11.00-11.10
12,	8-oz. Jars	2.30-2.40
12,	16-oz. Jars	3.30-3.40
12,	2-lb. Jars	9.05-9.15
24,	8-oz. Jars	4.10-4.20
24,	16-oz. Jars	6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand fair. Market steady. Arrivals by truck mostly Midwestern 32,424 pounds.

Brokers' sales to large wholesalers' and large retailers' outlets

EXTRACTED: Clover and Light Amber

6,	2-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	2-lb.	Jars	4.20
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.90

CREAMED HONEY

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
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PORTLAND: Demand good. Market steady. Supplies slightly short of needs. Sales to wholesalers, chains and large buyers.

EXTRACTED

6,	5-lb.	Tins	5.90-6.60
6,	4-lb.	Tins	5.95
12,	8-oz.	Tins (Clover)	4.95-6.90
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.30-3.60
12,	16-oz.	Jars	3.35-4.25
12,	24-oz.	Jars	
	Clover Fireweed		6.00
24,	8-oz.	Jars Clover	4.95
Idaho-Montana--			
12,	12-oz.	Sage	4.65
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Clover Sage	3.30
12,	2-lb.	Creamed Clover Sage	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Jars Clover	
	Fireweed		8.80
6,	3-lb.	Clover Sage	5.00
6,	3-lb.	Clover	5.00
12,	1-lb.	Comb in Jar	5.75

PORTLAND: (Continued)

EXTRACTED (Continued)

Oregon Clover Fireweed--			
12,	10-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.85
12,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.80-3.30
24,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	6.60
12,	12-oz.	Squeeze Bottle	3.85-4.25
12,	1-lb.	Spun Fireweed	3.90-4.25
12,	20-Oz.	Spun Fireweed	4.95

SAN FRANCISCO: Market steady. Honey packer wholesale prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight flavors: White or better Orange, Sage and Clover According To Quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.67-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.90

Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	5.64-6.76
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.00
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.21-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50-4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.67-4.68

Creamed: White Orange-Clover, According To Quality--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.69-3.97
24,	12-oz.	Jars Spun	7.88

Chunk Pack (Bulk Comb): Clover-Sage

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.56-3.87
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.83-6.17

Various Blends: Mostly light amber alfalfa mixture; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users (Containers returned)

15-18¢
Occ higher

SEATTLE: Demand moderate. Market steady. Sales to wholesalers and other large buyers of Clover and Alfalfa Light Amber or Better Unless Otherwise

State:

EXTRACTED:

12,	5-lb.	Tins	14.40
12,	4-lb.	Tins	10.90
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.00-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Tins	7.50-7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75-4.65
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.75
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-5.25
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.15-4.35

Fireweed--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	8.00

Orange and Sage--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
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Orange--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Apple--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Creamed--

12,	20-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.65
12,	20-oz.	Plastic Cups	4.95
12,	1½-lb.	Jars Spun	6.25-6.75
12,	12-oz.	Bottles	3.25
24,	16-oz.	Cups Spun	8.20
24,	12-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon Honey	6.60
12,	10-oz.	Cups with Cinnamon Honey	3.25
24,	10-oz.	Cups	6.00-6.30
	Comb Honey Clover--	U.S.One	
12,	12-oz.	Packages	5.25

ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market steady. Brokers' sales to bakers.

EXTRACTED: Per lb. Light Amber 17¢ White Clover 19¢. Wholesalers sales to chains and large retailers--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.25
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Creamed	4.55
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Glass	4.55
24,	11-oz.	Comb	9.00

CALIFORNIA POINTS:

Weather for all California Districts during the first half of June - Average temperatures in most of interior California continued much above normal in early June. Temperatures ranged 6 to 10 degrees above normal in the mountains and high desert and 4 degrees above in the central valley. Cooling over the entire State resulted in averages 4 to 6 degrees below normal later in the period in the interior sections but temperatures remained near seasonal normals on the coast. Light rain fell in the northern half of the State early in the month with thunder showers around midmonth in the Sierras and in Southern California. As of June 6, waters from the unusually heavy snowpack in the southern Sierras has flooded 87 000 acres of the Tulare Lake area, normally dry at this time of the year.

Weather for all California Districts during the last half of June - Temperatures averaged near normal to several degrees below normal despite a warming trend at midmonth. Widespread showers and thunderstorms occurred in the Sierra Nevadas and Cascades, as well as at lower elevations on one or two days. Amounts were generally light, but Tahoe City reported 2.7 inches and Alturas 3/4 of an inch. For the 12 months, July 1968 through June 1969 precipitation was well above seasonal normals, except in the desert areas.

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - Most colonies were in good to excellent condition. Broodrearing was active and colonies were well supplied with young bees, honey, and pollen. In a few instances beekeepers reported damage from loco weed and Buckeye but this was minor. Pollen was plentiful in most areas and nectar was coming in heavily. Swarming has varied from below normal to above normal but was about over now. In instances, swarming was increased due to colonies having no room to store honey.

Bees are being moved to pollination locations. A large number were moved to alfalfa. Alfalfa and Clover rentals reported during the period ranged \$3.50-6.50, mostly \$5.00-6.00, depending upon the area and services performed, and for melons around \$4.50-6.00 per colony rented during the period.

During June bees worked Yellow Star Thistle, Alfalfa, Clover, various Sages, Safflower, Wild Alfalfa, Buckwheat, Toyon, Lading Clover, Trefoil, Eucalyptus, Melons, Tarweed, Buckeye, and other wild flowers for nectar and most of these plus Greasewood, Mustard, Avocado, and Corn for pollen.

At the end of June, honey plant conditions were generally above normal. Cool weather had held back nectar flow in several areas and in San Diego County 40 to 60 pounds of honey per colony was indicated lost due to foggy weather. Cutting of hay had adversely affected nectar flows in some areas. Flows from Alfalfa, Safflower, and Buckwheat were indicated to be good and Star Thistle, Tarweed, and other late plants were making good growth. Sage flows continued good in several areas.

Extracting of honey was heavy by the end of June and included Citrus, Sage, Some Alfalfa, small quantities of Safflower, Clover, Mountain Flowers, and other wild flowers. Yields ranged from good to exceptional. The honey extracted was of average or better quality, white to water white in color and of heavy body.

CALIFORNIA POINTS:(Continued)Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts -(Continued)

Yields reported ranged 60 to 80 pounds on Citrus; 30 to 150, mostly 60 to 120 pounds on Sage; 20 pounds on Clover; and 30 pounds on Wild Flowers.

A number of producing colonies in the various areas ranged from near normal to above the 5-year average.

Southern California - (First half of June) Offerings and trading were moderate. New crop sage and orange honeys were reported of good quality. No new crop Alfalfa or Clover was yet available. Some out-of-state Clover samples had been received. Dealers were optimistic about the prospects for a good sage crop. Export trading was light due to the light supply of export type honey.

Southern California - (Last half of June) Beekeeper offerings were fairly liberal on Sage and Orange but only one small lot of new crop Alfalfa was purchased. No Clover purchases were reported. Dealers report they are expecting good Sage, Orange, And Alfalfa crops. One contact reported expecting the Alfalfa crop to be hurt by spraying for insect control. Export trading was light.

Northern & Central California (First Half of June) Beekeeper offerings increased substantially on the lighter colored honeys but extra light amber and darker colors are still in very short supply. Trading increased as dealers replenished inventories.

Northern & Central California (Last half of June) Beekeeper offerings of white and lighter colors continued to increase. Offerings of extra light amber and darker colors were still short of needs but increased as Safflower, Alfalfa, and Mixed Flower honeys became available. Good to excellent yields were reported in most areas. Alfalfa, Safflower, and buckwheat are generally reported producing well though cool weather last week slowed nectar flows in some valley and coastal areas. Dealers are maintaining a cautious attitude toward purchases, buying mostly for nearby needs in view of high interest rates, the apparent large crop, and an unsettled market undertone. Demand from retail outlets was quite variable but generally considered normal. Demand from commercial outlets was fair. Little export trading was reported though inquiry for orange and sage honeys were being made.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES

Oregon - Bees were reported in good condition. Excessive rain reduced Vetch yield and delayed movement of colonies to higher elevations for Fireweed flow.

Washington - Temperatures during the first two thirds of the month reached higher than normal levels while the last one third was marked by unusually cool temperatures with some scattered rain. Some areas reported prospects at the moment looked favorable, with the warm weather very helpful in developing an early flow. Bees in good shape although a few reports of Alfalfa kill were received.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES

Colorado - Honey market sales were reported quite good with relatively steady prices. The western area reported colony conditions very good due to excellent spring weather. Swarming appeared to be a little above normal due to the fine weather and the excellent flow. Extracting was beginning. The southeast section reported colonies in only fair condition for the honey flow with some yards on feed substitutes due to the prolonged cold rainy weather for the past several weeks. Honey plants and moisture in the western area were in excellent condition with more than a normal supply of sweet yellow Clover. Most beekeepers were generally optimistic about the coming honey flow.

Montana - The northwest area reported market conditions stable and creamed honey sales were steadily growing. Colony conditions were generally very good with a fine spring buildup. Honey plants were in fine condition with moisture excellent, promising a good spring flow. However, the rest of the State did not report such excellent prospects as moisture conditions were not as good. Lack of rainfall caused extreme dryness and honey plants were not growing properly. No relief from the dryness was forecast with beekeepers pessimistic about honey flow.

Utah - The northern area reported that honey was moving slowly with very little inquiry for the new crop. Colony conditions were described as excellent. A local cold front generally restricted the growth of honey plants and nectar gathering following a period of 2 months drought. This condition hurt most honey plants especially Clovers and dry land Alfalfas. Beekeepers in the northern area appeared pessimistic generally with a "wait and see" attitude regarding the coming flow.

Wyoming - Market conditions were reported fair with most of the honey crop sold. Colonies were reported in fair to good condition with very little swarming. Cool damp weather had its effect with no steady nectar flow and swarming was at a minimum. Clover plants looked very good but some damage by the Alfalfa weevil was noted. Rainfall was reported the best in many years. Warmer weather could mean an excellent honey flow as there were young Clover plants available.

ARIZONA Honey movement was very good with a steady market. Colony conditions were generally good following a fairly good mesquite nectar flow. Honey plant and moisture conditions were generally good with bees working on irrigated Alfalfa and early cotton fields.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES

Oklahoma - Market conditions were reported very good. The spring buildup of colonies was good with bees able to store an excellent spring crop. Weather was hot and dry. White Clover needed rain very badly, for continuing the honey flow.

Texas - Market conditions were good with honey moving steadily despite a considerable amount of hot weather. Most producer packers were about finished with honey from last years' crop. Very little new honey extracted as yet. The spring crop was reported a near failure because of early excessive rains. Colonies were reported in generally good condition with broodrearing slower

SOUTHWESTERN STATES: (Continued)

Texas - (Continued) than normal due to the lack of pollen and nectar. Some losses from insecticides were reported. Most honey plants were past the blooming stage in the northeast area and little pollen will be available until cotton blooms. Rain would be very helpful in improving soil moisture. The beeswax market in the southern area has strengthened with prices expected to level off shortly. The honey crop in central Texas looked good with plenty of Horsemint available. The second Mesquite crop was due to bloom shortly and colony conditions were reported excellent.

PLAINS STATES

Iowa - Local honey movement continued excellent for those with old crop honey to sell. New crop honey was not yet ready for extracting. The retail market appeared to be fairly strong. Colonies reported as excellent with peak conditions prevailing and population and brood strong. Cool weather delayed the nectar flow although honey plants and moisture were reported good. Prospects were generally good for a fine honey crop.

Kansas - Market conditions were reported fair. Colony conditions were mostly good with some late swarming reported. Honey plants and moisture conditions were excellent with Clovers and Wild Flowers abundant.

Nebraska - Practically all honey was sold at the producer level. Colony conditions were reported excellent with bees in fairly good condition. Colder weather limited the Clover honey flow in the eastern area of the State. Honey plant conditions and moisture were excellent with prospects for one of the best crops in years.

North Dakota - Colony conditions were reported excellent with normal stores and plenty of bees on hand. Rain was needed over most of the State.

South Dakota - Very little change in prices was reported over the past 2 months as there was apparently no honey available for sale. Colony conditions were described as fair to good with the spring buildup steadily progressive. Cool weather during most of the month of June increased swarming but not excessive. Extracting was expected to begin around the fourth of July with general prospects good if the weather was warm. Honey plant and moisture conditions were reported very good in the eastern half of the State while dryness-pre-dominated in the western half.

CENTRAL STATES

Illinois - Market conditions in the eastern central portions of the State were reported steady. Colonies were in good shape with a good Dandelion spring flow reported. Moisture conditions were ample but honey plants were scarce due to earlier drought conditions. The northern portions of the State reported no honey available as yet from the new crop. Colonies were strong with considerable early swarming. Cold wet weather was restricting flights with very little early honey harvested. Honey plants and moisture were reported in excellent condition with prospects for a good crop provided the weather warms up.

CENTRAL STATES (Continued)

Indiana - Local roadside market conditions were reported to have improved considerably. Some interest was reported in the new crop stocks as soon as they become available. Since the honey flow started late, weak colonies had time to build up strength. Earlier excessive rains and cloudy weather kept the bees confined to their hives much of the time but when the weather improved the honey flow was reported very good. Where well managed, swarming was not a problem. Alsike and Clover were available in abundance this year and bees took advantage of this fine honey source.

Michigan - Conditions were reported typical for this time of year with the market holding about steady. Colonies were slow in building to peak this spring due to too much early cold wet weather and uneven colony development. Clovers were blooming before mid-June but because of moist weather conditions nectar gathering was practically at a standstill. Moisture was plentiful with lush growths of Alfalfa and Clover. With so much moisture, weavils appeared and were damaging many fields in southern areas. Warmer weather was needed.

Minnesota - Market conditions were reported good with occasional lots of honey for sale. Higher prices were asked for old crop honey. According to beekeepers, prospects for the 1969 crop seemed to be declining day by day. Colony conditions for most of June declined early due to fruit bloom spraying and inclement weather. Colder air from Canada was dominating most of the North-central United States just as it had most of this past spring. At times overnight temperatures ranged from 48 to 55 degrees with daytime temperatures not over 55 to 65 degrees with little or no sunshine. Bees were not able to fly often under those temperature conditions. Statewide, prospects on the new crop appeared poor at the present. Honey plants were reported to be doing quite well with White Dutch and Yellow Sweet Clover in full bloom. Basswood appeared to be approximately 2 weeks later than normal and according to some of the old timers it may be the only crop the bees may get this season. Moisture appeared adequate.

Ohio - Sales dropped off somewhat due to early hot weather, however, all types of comb packs were moving well. Colony conditions were reported as strong to excellent with swarming in some areas becoming a problem. Improved weather was needed to insure nectar. Plants were in good condition with plenty of moisture. With cool weather prevailing, bees were not able to work properly. Some areas reported an excellent flow from Locust, Poplar and other early nectar producing plants, especially in the central sections of the State.

Wisconsin - Market conditions were generally reported to be normal. Local sales of honey was moving well. Bees started from packages were a little below normal while colonies that survived the winter were in good condition with good brood and adequate stores. Temperatures early in the month were below normal with gusty winds and heavy rains. Bees as yet were not able to gather much nectar from normal spring source mainly white and yellow Clover. Most wintering colonies had ample stores and generally no feeding was necessary. Some

CENTRAL STATES: (Continued)

Wisconsin - (Continued) hives had such excellent populations, to discourage swarming, the hives were split. Honey plants generally were reported in good condition with White Dutch Clover abundant.

NORTHEASTERN STATES

Connecticut - Market conditions were reported as fair. Colony conditions ranged from good to excellent. Some strong colonies had collected, stored and capped surplus honey while weaker colonies were still struggling to build to a peak condition. Rainfall was good with adequate moisture and honey plants were in excellent condition, generally yielding ample nectar supplies.

Massachusetts - Bees were slow in gathering the necessary colony strength this season due to the severe winter. Rain was plentiful with the weather moist and hot. Honey plants were plentiful but because of prevalent rains over the State bees could not gather nectar except on rare occasions.

New Jersey - Retail sales were reported normal for this time of year. Colonies were reported excellent with fairly ideal nectar gathering conditions. More honey was stored to date than at the same date last year. Some late swarming was reported. Honey plants looked extremely promising with plenty of moisture available.

New York - Honey was moving just about normal for this time of the season, with the 1968 crop nearly finished. Colonies were reported normal in most areas with bees fairly strong with good brood and population with only spotty exceptions. Weather was wet and cool with so much rain that the bees could only make occasional flights to gather nectar. Basswood should be in heavy bloom about the 10th of July and most beekeepers were relying on this source for their main nectar flow providing warmer dry weather is available.

Pennsylvania - The eastern area of the State reported excellent demand and normal sales for this time of the year. Bees built up extremely well with excellent population strength although swarming was a problem in some areas. Honey flow appeared to be much better than last season at this time and some areas reported an excessive flow. Plants were in good condition with ample moisture supplies.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

Maryland - Market conditions continued steady. Colony conditions were reported very good. Brood laying was tapering off. Very little honey flow occurred during the month with extracting expected to begin the first part of July. Plant and moisture conditions were fairly good, however, very dry weather prevailed recently.

South Carolina - Colony conditions were reported good after a good spring honey flow. Plant and moisture conditions were excellent.

Virginia - Honey movement was generally slow. The honey flow was the best in recent years with many colonies expected to go over 100 pounds. However, the average will probably be between 45 to 60 pounds. Old queens held down many colonies as well as a poor carryover of stores from last year. Moisture was adequate.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES (Continued)

Kentucky - Market conditions ranged from slow to fair. Very little new crop was harvested to date, however, some light offerings met a fairly good retail demand. Surplus was very good the first half of the period then dropped off due to cool rainy weather. Some swarming had occurred.

Tennessee - Honey demand ranged from fair to good. Colony conditions were strong with a good spring flow reported.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES

Florida - Citrus honey moved well the first part of the season, however, experienced a slow down due to a good crop of Gallberry and Saw Palmetto honey. In the northwest a good crop of Tupelo honey was harvested with most of it already sold. Colonies were in good condition with very little swarming. There was sufficient moisture for honey plants throughout the State.

Louisiana - Honey demand continued slow but export movement helped to increase volume. Colonies possessed a good population with a fair flow continuing. While the flow was late, it appeared that the crop will be better than originally anticipated. Extracting was about half finished. Although dry weather prevailed recently, honey plants were holding up well due to excessive earlier rainfall.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES (Continued)

Georgia - Hot, dry weather with occasional showers prevailed in Georgia throughout June. Temperatures were above normal. Bees have been active and closed out one of the best spring flows in years. Dry weather hurt some crops, but spring flow was almost over at the start of the month. Palmetto flow in South Georgia was very good. Colonies were in better than normal condition with good population and more than normal amount of honey. South Georgia bees have little to work on except Calico and Mixed Flowers until Pepper Blush is available in the middle of July. In central Georgia, bees worked Mexican Clover. In North Georgia, Sour Wood was just coming into bloom with crop prospects promising. Queens and packaged bees stopped moving early in the month. Overall, the Georgia crop was about equal to 1968 but honey quality was not quite as good.

MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF MAY 31, 1969

1968 Crop

ITEM	Number of Loans Made	Quantity Put Under Loans	Loan Quantity Repaid	Pounds		Quantity Outstanding
				Loans Del. and Quantity Purch.		
Alabama	6	196,020	196,020	-		-
Arkansas	11	298,936	298,936	-		-
Arizona	46	826,014	721,836	-		104,178
California	67	4,515,984	4,461,758	-		54,226
Colorado	2	56,538	56,538	-		-
Florida	63	2,406,776	2,405,588	-		1,188
Georgia	25	919,618	875,001	-		44,617
Idaho	15	1,098,522	691,991	-		406,531
Illinois	4	170,694	170,694	-		-
Iowa	15	584,798	584,798	-		-
Kansas	17	343,332	249,480	-		93,852
Louisiana	3	51,902	51,902	-		-
Michigan	7	61,578	30,096	-		31,482
Minnesota	33	1,095,005	741,106	-		353,899
Missouri	6	407,458	407,458	-		-
Montana	8	242,019	220,041	-		21,978
Nebraska	106	3,762,542	3,063,538	-		699,004
New Mexico	2	28,080	28,080	-		-
New York	2	17,280	17,280	-		-
North Carolina	6	77,067	70,612	-		6,455
North Dakota	14	452,875	419,483	-		33,392
Ohio	2	1,591,920	1,591,920	-		-
Oregon	5	54,360	54,360	-		-
Pennsylvania	2	57,762	57,762	-		-
South Dakota	44	2,515,089	2,218,207	-		296,882
Texas	62	1,576,630	1,487,964	5,346		83,320
Utah	8	150,342	150,342	-		-
Virginia	1	8,100	8,100	-		-
Washington	22	642,708	398,982	-		243,726
Wisconsin	23	533,654	261,542	-		272,112
Wyoming	4	193,644	193,644	-		-
Totals	631	24,937,247	22,185,059	5,346		2,746,842

Comparative Totals as of May 31

1968 (1967 crop)	787	30,988,324	20,049,163	1,046,685 ^{1/}	9,981,985
1967 (1966 crop)	644	33,839,984	26,083,831	602,438 ^{1/}	7,208,003
1966 (1965 crop)	544	17,193,644	7,539,984	0	9,653,660
1965 (1964 crop)	207	9,660,592	1,808,723	0	5,519,421

1/ Includes purchase agreements.

MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF MAY 31, 1969

1969 Crop

ITEM	Number of Loans Made	Quantity Put Under Loans	Loan Quantity Repaid	Pounds		Quantity Outstanding
				Loans Del. and Quantity Purch.		
Alabama	3	80,590	-	-		80,590
Arkansas	1	29,700	-	-		29,700
Florida	21	528,066	-	-		528,066
Texas	3	20,790	15,840	-		4,950
Totals	28	659,146	15,840	0		643,306

Comparative Totals as of May 31

1968 (1968 Crop)	37	953,437	0	0	955,437
1967 (1967 Crop)	44	832,093	13,068	0	819,025
1966 (1966 Crop)	59	1,744,808	0	0	1,744,808
1965 (1965 Crop)	22	606,204	0	0	606,204

Source: Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION
For January through April, 1969 In Pounds

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<u>Countries of Destination</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Canada	-	7,200	-	-
Bahamas	-	660	-	2,720
Honduras	2,026	-	-	-
Barbados	1,920	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	-	-	-	930
Brazil	-	19,500	-	-
United Kingdom	4,767	22,062	44,881	83,617
Sweden	19,800	7,200	1,200	8,973
Netherlands	93,350	-	24,536	-
Mexico	-	-	1,066	-
Belgium Luxembourg	5,760	16,192	14,015	24,764
Jamaica	-	-	5,000	-
France	39,680	25,866	-	137,109
Ireland	-	-	3,191	-
West Germany	34,200	59,897	102,336	45,306
Kuwait	-	-	1,320	-
Switzerland	4,206	-	2,400	-
Netherlands Antilles	-	-	-	1,560
Lebanon	17,400	-	-	12,200
Saudi Arabia	-	-	-	9,369
Thailand	600	1,800	2,040	-
Liberia	-	-	2,400	3,750
Malaysia	9,600	4,560	15,100	16,140
New Zealand	-	-	4,000	-
Singapore	7,200	13,200	12,120	9,600
Phillipines	11,700	-	-	-
Korea, Republic of	-	720	-	-
Japan	57,570	6,285	7,800	22,470
Nansei Islands	-	1,620	6,462	1,500
Lybia	-	1,200	4,852	-
South-Southeastern Asia Nec.	-	-	-	960
Total Pounds	309,779	187,962	269,113	382,468
Total Dollars	69,817	44,233	84,873	84,731

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN
For January through April, 1969 In Pounds

<u>Countries of Origin</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Argentina	-	-	-	1,247,558
Canada	-	2,760	-	262,981
Australia	-	-	-	1,080
Austria	-	-	1,080	-
Mexico	20,495	462,493	1,096,352	1,733,082
Guatemala	-	-	55,054	80,099
Poland	6,000	-	-	4,799
United Kingdom	-	588	-	4,200
West Germany	-	4,669	23,751	4,033
Hungary	-	1,200	-	-
Spain	-	3,991	-	-
Greece	-	2,400	11,470	7,073
New Zealand	-	4,800	-	1,080
Netherlands	-	-	-	3,276
Italy	-	-	1,219	508
Ireland	-	-	4,500	-
Costa Rica	-	-	-	145,285
Chile	-	-	-	132,975
Total Pounds	26,465	482,901	1,193,426	3,628,029
Total Dollars	3,595	45,999	116,076	362,352

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN
For January through April, 1969 In Pounds

<u>Countries of Origin</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Colombia	-	-	-	3,000
Canada	30,603	-	505	956
Dominican Republic	10,582	3,250	46,255	51,794
Angola	15,315	141,187	69,592	70,406
Mexico	-	25,491	241,623	59,654
Salvador	-	-	7,000	15,413
Haiti	-	-	9,180	5,015
Chile	-	11,016	72,103	48,487
Brazil	-	-	77,183	22,025
Argentina	-	-	22,000	-
New Zealand	-	-	2,239	-
Egypt	-	-	66,069	22,046
Sudan	-	4,410	22,355	-
Ethiopia	-	132,978	45,769	32,701
Portugal	-	11,179	-	11,023
Turkey	-	22,046	-	-
Total Pounds	<u>56,500</u>	<u>351,557</u>	<u>681,873</u>	<u>342,520</u>
Total Dollars	<u>41,578</u>	<u>255,243</u>	<u>492,205</u>	<u>259,672</u>

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES BY CUSTOM DISTRICTS
In Pounds For January through April 1969

<u>Custom Districts</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
New York	-	-	8,752	44,250
Philadelphia	-	-	8,600	13,760
Maryland	-	-	2,400	-
Virginia	-	-	8,600	-
Florida	-	-	68,017	35,433
Mobile	-	-	-	44,109
New Orleans	2,026	-	2,400	10,299
San Diego	-	-	1,066	-
Los Angeles	247,453	133,152	95,657	81,654
San Francisco	47,100	30,180	54,616	51,243
Washington	-	-	7,091	-
Dakota	-	7,200	-	-
Michigan	13,200	-	-	-
Miami	-	17,430	11,914	8,720
Houston	-	-	-	-
Total Pounds	<u>309,779</u>	<u>187,962</u>	<u>269,113</u>	<u>382,468</u>

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES BY CUSTOM DISTRICTS
In Pounds For January through April 1969

<u>Custom Districts</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Buffalo	-	1,200	-	-
New York	-	388,102	696,621	1,881,749
Virginia	-	-	132,673	265,345
Florida	-	-	-	220,213
New Orleans	-	32,517	258,191	619,789
Laredo	-	-	-	24,600
El Paso	-	-	-	31,246
San Diego	20,495	34,881	50,887	16,240
Arizona	-	19,841	-	-
Los Angeles	-	-	55,054	225,384
San Francisco	-	2,160	-	696
Washington	-	4,200	-	141,792
Dakota	-	-	-	200,975
Wisconsin	6,000	-	-	-
Total Pounds	<u>26,495</u>	<u>482,901</u>	<u>1,193,426</u>	<u>3,628,029</u>

Source: All Export and Import Information was secured from the Census Bureau.

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Market conditions were reported as generally good with retail and wholesale demand improved over this same period a year ago.

Colony conditions generally were excellent with some exceptions noted in dry areas. Hives were heavy with population and some spotty problems with swarming were reported. Pollen sources and honey flow were spotty ranging from mostly good to excellent except for some poor returns in the dry areas.

Plant growth early in some areas was slow due to lack of rain but improved rapidly under ample rainfall.

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HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING JULY

These prices represent sales as reported by correspondent beekeepers and honey handlers. Because of the many thousands of beekeepers and handlers in the country, these should be considered as representative prices and not as full complete coverage of all transactions for any State or area.

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE 1/	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE 2/ :	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE 1/	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE 2/ :
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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

White to Extra White Sage	13½-14¢ del.
Extra Light Amber to White	
Orange-Mixed Flower	12½¢ del.
Extra Light Amber to White	
Buckwheat-Sage	13½¢ del.
Light to Extra Light Amber	
Buckwheat	11½-12¢ del.
Lima Beans (container furnished)	11¢ del.
Light Amber Alfalfa (new cans)	12¢ del.
Light Amber Alfalfa	11½¢ del.
Light Amber Alfalfa (container furnished)	10½¢ del.
Light Amber to Extra Light	
Amber Alfalfa	12½¢ del.
Light Amber Alfalfa-Safflower	
(container furnished)	10½¢ del.
White Sage-Poison Oak	11¢ del.
Light Amber to Extra Light Amber	
Mixed Flower (container furnished)	10½¢ del.

OREGON

Water White Alfalfa and Clover	15½¢ del.
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WASHINGTON

Extra Light Amber-Chokecherry-Alfalfa	15¢ f.o.b.
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COLORADO

White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	15¢ f.o.b.
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OKLAHOMA

Light Amber Vetch and Clover	16¢ del.
Light Amber Clover Alfalfa	16¢ del.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	16¢ f.o.b.
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MICHIGAN

White Clover	13¢ del.
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WISCONSIN

White Honey	(Returned) 14½¢ del.
Light Amber Honey	(Returned) 13½¢ del.
White Clover	14¢ del.

ILLINOIS

White Clover	21¢ del.
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OHIO

White Clover	15¢ del.
Extra White Clover	15¢ del.

PENNSYLVANIA

Very Light Clover Mix	18¢ del.
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FLORIDA

Light Orange Gallberry	18¢ del.
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PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
EXTRACTED HONEY 60-LB. CANS PER LB.				
OREG.	Water White Alfalfa and Clover	-	17½¢	20¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	19½¢	20½¢
	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	16 2/3¢
MONT.	White Clover	-	-	20½¢
AKR.	Light Vetch	15¢	-	-
OKLA.	Light Amber Clover Alfalfa	16¢	-	-
	Light Sweet Clover	-	19¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	18¢	18¢	20¢
WISC.	White Honey	19½¢	-	-
	White Clover	-	14¢	-
OHIO	White Clover	-	20¢	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Dandelion Basswood Clover	-	-	20¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark	18¢	-	-
KY.	Light Amber Clover	16¢	18¢	20¢
FLA.	Light Tupelo	22½¢	-	-
	Light Orange Gallberry	18¢	-	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	17¢	-	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 5-LB. JARS PER LB.				
OREG.	Water White Alfalfa and Clover	-	23¢	27¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	23¢	28¢
	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	27¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	23¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	22¢	25¢	30¢
MICH.	White Clover	-	-	22¢
WISC.	White Honey	21¢	-	-
	Off White Clover	-	-	25¢
	White Clover	-	20¢	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	22-29¢
IND.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	-	28¢
ILL.	White Clover	24¢	-	-
OHIO	White Clover	-	23¢	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Dandelion-Basswood Clover	-	-	30¢
PA.	Very Light Clover Mixed	-	29¢	37¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark	25¢	-	-
KY.	Light Amber Clover	-	22¢	27¢
EXTRACTED HONEY 12, 2-LB. JARS				
		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
OREG.	Water White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.20	-
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	6.96	75¢
MONT.	White Clover	-	7.05	-
ARK.	Light Vetch	-	7.80	79¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.00	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	6.90	7.10	69¢
WISC.	White Honey	6.60	-	-
MINN.	Extra White Clover	-	6.85	75¢
	White or Better Clover	-	6.80	71¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	6.85	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Dandelion Basswood Clover	-	7.18	79¢
PA.	Very Light Clover Mixed	-	7.80	85¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark	7.40	-	-
KY.	Light Amber Clover	-	8.00	80¢
FLA.	Light Tupelo	10.00	-	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.20	-	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS				
		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
OREG.	Water White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.92	-
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	7.40	41¢
ARK.	Light Fruit Honey	-	7.20-8.40	39¢
	Light Vetch	-	8.40	48¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.00	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	7.00	7.30	35¢

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PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

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STATE :	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u> :	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILER	CONSUMER
		:(Generally Delivered): (Generally Delivered): (Local Sales)		
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS (Continued)</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
WISC.	White Honey	7.20	-	-
MINN.	Extra White Clover	-	7.25	43¢
	White or Better Clover	-	7.10	41¢
ILL.	White Clover	7.10	-	-
OHIO	White Clover	-	6.95	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Dandelion-Basswood Clover	-	6.25	39¢
PA.	Very Light Clover Mixed	-	8.40	45¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark	7.50	-	-
KY.	Light Amber Clover	-	8.40	43¢
FLA.	Light Tupelo	11.00	-	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.40	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8-oz. JARS</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OREG.	Water White Alfalfa and Clover	-	5.04	-
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet	-	4.20	24¢
ARK.	Light Vetch	-	6.60	30¢
WISC.	White Honey	4.50	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	4.40	29¢
ILL.	White Clover	4.20	-	-
N.Y.	Medium Dark Dandelion Basswood Clover	-	4.52	25¢
PA.	Very light Clover Mixed	-	5.00	28¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	4.30	-	-
<u>SECTION COMB 24</u>				
OREG.	Water White Alfalfa and Clover 12-oz.	-	10.00	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover 13-oz.	-	11.00	65-70¢
OHIO	White Clover 14-oz.	-	10.00	-
PA.	Very light Clover Mixed 12-oz.	-	10.80	60¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark 12-oz.	10.40	-	-
<u>BULK COMB CHUNK PACK</u>				
OKLA.	Light Amber Vetch and Clover 12, 2½-lb.	-	9.96	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	11.00	65-70¢
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.85	-	-
OHIO	White Clover 24, 16-oz.	-	8.75	-
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark 12, 2½-lb.	10.50	-	-
<u>CREAMED HONEY</u>				
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	7.60	43¢
MONT.	White Clover 12, 1-lb.	-	4.15	-
ARK.	Light Vetch 24, 16-oz.	-	8.40	49¢
OKLA.	Light Amber Vetch and Clover 12, 2½-lb.	-	10.00	1.00
WISC.	White Honey 12, 1-lb.	-	4.00	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover 12, 10-oz.	-	6.30	39-41¢
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-lb.	3.00	-	-

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN DRUMS

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u> :		PRICES & BASIS:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u> :		PRICES & BASIS:
		OF SALE 2/ :			OF SALE 2/ :
<u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u>			<u>ILLINOIS</u>		
Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa		16¢ f.o.b.	White Clover		18¢ del.
<u>WISCONSIN</u>			<u>OHIO</u>		
White Honey (Container Returned)		14½¢ del.	White Clover		15¢ del.
Light Amber (Container Returned)		13½¢ del.	Extra White Clover		15¢ del.
			<u>FLORIDA</u>		
			Light Tupelo		27-27½¢ f.o.b.

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SALES OF BEESWAX PER POUND

STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE 2/ :	STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS : OF SALE 2/ :
OREGON		WISCONSIN	
Yellow	62¢ del.	Light	65¢ del.
WASHINGTON		OHIO	
Light Yellow	68¢ del.	Light	70¢ del.
MONTANA		VIRGINIA	
Yellow	68¢ del.	Light	68¢ del.
ARKANSAS		Dark	65¢ del.
Yellow	70¢ del.	KENTUCKY	
OKLAHOMA		Dark	65¢ del.
Dark	65¢ del.	Yellow	68¢ del.
Yellow	68¢ del.		
SOUTH DAKOTA			
Lemon Yellow	70-72¢ del.		
IOWA			
Dark	62¢ del.		
Light	65¢ del.		

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1/ State or origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term "clover" includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping point; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

HONEY PRODUCTION

Release: July 24, 1969

Colonies of bees totaled 4,731,000 in 48 States on July 1, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is a decline of 1 percent from 1968. The number of colonies declined gradually each year from 1958 to 1967, when an increase of 1 percent occurred. Decreases of 1 percent followed in both 1968 and 1969. The largest regional decline in 1969 was 3 percent, in both the East North Central and the West. The West North Central declined 2 percent and the North Atlantic was down 1 percent. Increases of 2 percent were reported in the South Atlantic and South Central regions.

Conditions of colonies on July 1 averaged 89 percent of normal in 48 States, compared to 83 percent a year earlier and was the highest July 1 condition in the last 10 years. Conditions of colonies by regions ranged from 85 percent in the West North Central to 90 percent in the South Atlantic and the West. All regions except the West North Central report higher average condition of colonies in 1969.

Compared with a year earlier, the South Atlantic up 6 points, East North Central up 5 points and South Central up 4 points. The West North Central shows no change from 1968. Unfavorable winter weather and a prolonged cool, wet spring was largely responsible for the situation in the West North Central region. The West, particularly Oregon and Washington, also experienced severe winter weather, although spring and summer conditions have been very favorable. Unusually favorable conditions are reported throughout much of the South Central region, particularly Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Some parts of the region reported abnormally high temperatures since May. The Atlantic States report generally favorable conditions, although some areas experienced above average temperatures during recent months.

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packagers, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for markets where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days (10). Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of July. Sixty pound cans are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated. Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand slow. Market dull. Arrivals 72,000 lbs. Domestic White Clover. Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and retailers.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.42-4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50
		Few Best Marks	7.50-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.65-4.35
		1 Mark	4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35

CREAMED

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.50

CHICAGO: Demand good. Market for drums stronger, others firm. Brokers and packers sales to wholesalers and other users.

60-lb. Plastic Drums White Clover and Light Amber 21¢, Small lots 22½¢
55-lb. Drums White Clover 18-20¢ Light Amber 17-20¢

EXTRACTED:

6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.25
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50

CREAMED HONEY--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.15
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CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady. Arrivals 29,611 lbs. Brokers' sales to wholesalers and large retailers 16-lb. Tins White Clover 18¢ Light Amber 16¢.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.45-7.30
		Plastic Creamed Honey	
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	4.55
24,	8-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.75
24,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	7.30
		Plastic Squeeze--	
12,	1-lb.	Honey With Comb	4.95
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
6,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Market steady. Supplies adequate. Brokers' sales to retailers-- Colo.-Nebr.-New Mex. 60-lb. Tins Ligh Amber 17¢ White 20¢.

DENVER: (Continued)

EXTRACTED:

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand fair. Market firm to slightly stronger. Arrivals 73,615 lbs, domestic Brokers' and packers' sales to retailers and wholesalers Mixed Flowers mostly White Clover

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.45
6,	3½-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.20
12,	3-lb.	Jars	8.15
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.10-6.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.30
		Few	7.10
24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.85-4.00
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.35
12,	16-oz.	Comb Few	4.55

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer whole-sale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Server Jar=	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Plastic Squeeze Bottles--

12,	12-oz.	Bottle	4.20-4.35
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Blended Flavors-- Extra Light Amber--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

CREAMED: White Orange Clover According to Quality

12,	1-lb.	Bowl	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Blended Flavors--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.25
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CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb)--Clover Sage--

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75

SECTION COMB--Clover White

12,	9-oz.	Sections	6.50
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Straight Flavors Light Amber--

12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.00

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

MINNEAPOLIS: Demand good. Market steady. Producer **NEW YORK:** (Continued)

sales to brokers delivered Minneapolis basis by truck. Minnesota White Sweet Clover 38-55 gallon drums at 14½¢ with container exchanged, Light Amber Mixed Flowers 20-55 gallon drums at 12½¢ with container exchanged.

Beeswax 750-lb. Cash 48¢ Trade 50¢.

Sales to Jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis.

Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Jars	3.35
12,	1½-lb.	Plastic Jars	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.55
6,	3-lb.	Plastic Jars	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.75

CREAMED HONEY

6,	2-lb.	Cups Spread	4.15
12,	10-oz.	Cups Spread	3.00

CUT COMB--

12,	11½-oz.	Packages	5.35
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NEW YORK: Demand fair. Market good. Arrivals by boat in cases: Denver 8, Germany 55, Greece 150, Ireland 600 and Holland 200; in cartons: Greece 200, Israel 62, Germany 50, New Zealand 110; in drums: Mexico 359, Argentina 230; in tins: Guatemala 200. Importers and wholesalers sales to trade, bakers and large users.

EX DOCK MEXICO Tins 16½-17¢

EX DOCK MEXICO Drums 650-lb. 13-15¢

EX DOCK ARGENTINA Drums 15½-16½¢

EX WAREHOUSE MEXICO Tins 17½¢

EX WAREHOUSE MEXICO Drums 15-16¢

SOUTH WEST TEXAS Extra Light Amber Drums

EX WAREHOUSE NEW YORK 14-15¢

MIDWEST Light Amber Tins 17½-18½¢

White Clover Tins 19-19½¢

NEW YORK Buckwheat 21-22¢

NEW YORK Light Amber 17½-18¢

FLORIDA ORANGE Bakers Tins 21-22¢

FLORIDA Orange Bakers Drums 20¢

OHIO Buckwheat 18½¢

Processed packages. Bakers sales to wholesalers and retailers White Clover Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.93
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.92
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.62
6,	5-oz.	Jars	3.50
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2-lb. 8-oz.	Jars	4.75
	Colored Dish Bowl		4.55
	Plastic Doll		4.55

Extra Light Amber Jars--

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.55
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.15
24,	5-oz.	Jars	3.40
4,	5-lb.	Tins	5.15
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05

Drums 650-lb. 22¢ Tins 60-lb. 24¢

12,-lb. Tins 25¢

1 Mark Amber Jars

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.85
8,	3-lb.	Jars	6.90
	Plastic 6, 5-lb.		6.20

BEESWAX: Arrivals by boat in bags: Brazil 611, Dominican Republic 272, Chile 720, El Salvador 130, France 100, Haiti 60, Mexico 559, Guatemala 27, Turkey 110; in bottles: Mexico 54; in cases: Germany 3; in blocks: Ethiopia 187.

EX DOCK Per lb. Actual sales and offerings to dealers, retailers and importers.

AFRICA	78-85¢
CHILE	83-89¢
MEXICO	82-87¢
SAN DOMINGO	82-85¢
HAITI	81-85¢
BRAZIL	85-90¢

PHILADELPHIA: Demand fair. Market steady.

Arrivals by rail and truck domestic 104,120 lbs.

Sales by repackers to retailers, chains, bakers and other large users.

EXTRACTED: Domestic Drums and 60-lb. tins per lb.

White Clover Extra Light	18½¢ Amber	17½¢
6,	2-lb.	Jars 3.15 3.25
6,	3-lb.	Jars 4.80-4.90
6,	5-lb.	Jars 6.85-6.90
6,	8-3/4-lb.	Jars 11.00-11.10
12,	8-oz.	Jars 2.30-2.40
12,	16-oz.	Jars 3.30-3.40
12,	2-lb.	Jars 9.05-9.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars 4.10-4.20
24,	16-oz.	Jars 6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand fair. Market about steady.

Arrivals by truck mostly Midwestern 46,838 lbs.

Brokers' sales to large wholesalers and large retailers. Clover and Light Amber

EXTRACTED

6,	2-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars	5.00

CREAMED HONEY--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	5.00
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.55

PORTLAND: Demand good. Market slightly stronger.

Supplies limited. Sales to wholesalers and chains and large buyers.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.30-6.75
6,	4-lb.	Tins	5.95
12,	8-oz.	Clover Tins	2.70
12,	12-oz.	Tins	3.70
12,	16-oz.	Tins	4.65
12,	24-oz.	Clover and Fireweed	6.55
	Idaho and Montana Sage		
12,	12-oz. =	Jars	3.30
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Clover & Sage	4.25-4.65
12,	2-lb.	Creamed Clover & Sage	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Jars Clover Fireweed	8.80
6,	3-lb.	Clover Sage	5.00
6,	3-lb.	Clover	5.00
12,	1-lb.	Comb in Jar	5.75

Oregon Clover and Fireweed--

12,	10-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.85
12,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	3.70
24,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	6.60
12,	12-oz.	Squeeze Bottle	4.25
12,	1-lb.	Spun Fireweed	3.90
12,	20-oz.	Spun Fireweed	4.95

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

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SAN FRANCISCO: Market steady. Honey packer whole-list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight flavors: White or better Orange, Sage and Clover According To Quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.67-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	

Bottles 4.29

Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.34-6.76
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.00
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.21-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50-4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	

Bottles 4.67-4.68

CREAMED: White Orange-Clover, According to Quality--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.69-3.97
24,	12-oz.	Jars (Spun)	7.88

CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb) Clover-Sage

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.56-3.87
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.83-6.17

VARIOUS BLENDS: Mostly light amber alfalfa mixture; according to quality & quantity purchased, delivered industrial users--
60-lb. Cans and Drums (Container Returned) 15-18¢ Occ Higher.

SEATTLE: Demand moderate. Market about steady. Sales to wholesalers and other large buyers of Clover and Alfalfa Light Amber or better Unless Otherwise stated.

EXTRACTED:

12,	5-lb.	Tins	14.40
12,	4-lb.	Tins	10.90
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.00-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Tins	7.50-7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75-4.65
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.75
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-5.25
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.15-4.35

SEATTLE: (Continued)

Fireweed--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	8.00

Orange and Sage--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
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Orange--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Apple--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Creamed--

12,	20-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottle	4.65
12,	20-oz.	Plastic Cups	4.95

12,	1½-lb.	Jars Spun	6.25-6.75
12,	12-oz.	Bottles	3.25

24,	16-oz.	Cups Spun	8.20
24,	12-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	

		Honey	6.60
12,	10-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	

		Honey	3.25
24,	10-oz.	Cups	6.00-6.30

Comb Honey Clover U.S.One

12,	12-oz.	Packages	5.75
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ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market steady. Brokers' sales to bakers--

EXTRACTED: Per Pound Light Amber 17¢ White Clover 19¢

Wholesalers sales to chains and large retailers--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.25
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	4.35
12,	12-oz.	CREAMED	4.55
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Glass	4.55
24,	11-oz.	Comb	9.00

CALIFORNIA POINTS:

Weather for all California Districts during the first half of July - Temperatures along the coast were near or slightly above normal but averaged as much as 4 to 5 degrees above normal in the eastern part of the Los Angeles Basin and the desert areas. In the low desert, maximums were well in excess of 100 degrees every day. Temperatures were below normal as much as 4 to 6 degrees in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys and northeastern interior early in the period but a warming trend brought maximum readings in excess of 100 degrees toward midmonth. Several windy days were reported in parts of the northern and central portions of the State.

Weather for all California Districts during the last half of July - Temperatures averaged near normal during the last half of July. Maximum temperatures climbed above 100 degrees in the interior valleys and up to 110 degrees in the desert. Precipitation was limited to scattered showers in parts of the San Joaquin Valley and Owens Valley and over the southern Sierras around mid-month and scattered light showers and thunderstorms in the northern third of the State on the 23rd and 24th.

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - Colony conditions throughout California were generally excellent in July. Due to the unusually heavy flow, some apiaries that had not been extracted were losing their field force as queens had no room to lay. However, brood was still plentiful in most areas, with beekeepers reporting five to eight frames. Field bees in several areas have been lost to spraying but generally losses were light. Pollen supplies were plentiful. Beekeepers in several areas were reported frantically trying to keep ahead of the season's flow.

Most colonies had been moved out of sage areas to alfalfa, melon, clover, and cucumber pollination locations or to buckwheat, safflower, thistle, or other summer locations. Rentals reported during July ranged \$3.50-6.00, generally \$5.00-5.50 for alfalfa; \$3.00-5.00 generally \$3.50-4.00 for melons; \$3.50-4.00 for cucumbers; and \$3.50-4.50 for clover pollination.

At the close of the month, bees were working alfalfa, clover, yellow star thistle, milo, corn, morning glory, buckwheat, beans, blue curl, pasture plants, cotton, mesquite, sumac, tamarisk, white sage, and other miscellaneous flowers for nectar and most of these for pollen.

Honey plants were described as being more abundant than in previous years and having made better growth. The bloom period was exceptionally long, especially for buckwheat. Blue curl was beginning to bloom and appeared to be in good condition. Tarweed is growing and starting to bloom. Irrigated pastures are producing well as temperatures have been high. Alfalfa is producing well in much of the area and the bean flow has started. Many summer plants are drying up, which is normal for this time of year.

Extracting was increasing, however, due to the heavy workload many beekeepers have not been able to stay ahead of their colonies. Buckwheat, toyan, alfalfa, sage, safflower, and mixed flower honeys were extracted during July. Yields reported

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Continued)

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - (Continued) by beekeepers ranged 30 to 75 pounds on buckwheat; 40 to 135 on sage; 40 to 70 pounds on orange; 60 pounds and up on alfalfa; and from miscellaneous sources as much as 90 pounds per colony.

Although the number of colonies in various areas ranged above and below the 5-year average, most areas indicated a slight increase in colony numbers.

Southern California - (First Half of July)

Offerings were fairly liberal on sage and orange but only a few small lots of alfalfa and no northwest clover were reported. High interest rates will probably limit dealer purchases of honey this season. Export trading is light.

Southern California - (Last half of July)

Offerings of sage, orange, and buckwheat were liberal. Very little alfalfa was offered. No northwest clover has been purchased but some samples of offerings were reported. According to one trade source, the honey crop in Idaho, Nebraska, and Montana was very good. Export trading was reported to be light to moderate.

Northern & Central California (First half of July)

Beekeeper offerings continued to increase as more honey was being extracted. Dealers continued to take most lots offered, especially of the darker colors, but most were not aggressive buyers. High interest rates were cited as one reason for limiting inventories. Demand from retail outlets ranged from quiet to somewhat better than summer normal. Demand from commercial outlets was normal. Some export interest was noted with occasional sales reported.

Northern & Central California (Last half of July)

Beekeeper offerings continued to increase. Most beekeepers report unusually good yields of above average quality honey. Extracting has been slow due to the continued good flow and to other beekeeping demands, including meeting pollination rental commitments. Demand from handlers was only moderate and most were not actively seeking additional supplies. However, most offerings by beekeepers traded. Yields from buckwheat are reported very good and blue curls in most sections appear to be coming along early. Other fall buildup plants are in good condition. Demand from retail outlets were better than normal for the hot summer period. Export inquiry increased but trading volume remained light.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES

Oregon - Market conditions were reported generally good with retail and wholesale movement better than a year ago. Colony conditions were fair with some swarming noted. Honey plant and moisture conditions were reported fairly good with most alfalfa fields being harvested rapidly. Moisture was needed although irrigation water was available.

Washington - The northern area reported no market conditions. Colony conditions described as mostly average. Moisture was average with honey plants apparently over their peak. West of the Cascades - The market was about steady. Temperatures averaged about normal with highest temperatures the last two weeks of July. Rain occurred during

NORTH PACIFIC STATES: (Continued)

Washington - (Con'd) the first week of July with the balance of the month dry. Colonies were reported in generally good condition. Yield prospects were reported much higher than last year. Quality of the crop was reported good.

Yakima Valley - Bees were working Alfalfa in the Upper Valley, Ellensburg, area and Mint in the lower valley. Some extractions had begun and other expected to start by last weekend. Spray poisoning had begun to affect bees in some areas although overall loss not reported severe at this time. Weather had ranged hot to cool during the month with very limited rainfall.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES:

Colorado - Market conditions were reported very good with local demand strong and sales to consumers heavier than for the past several years. Colony conditions were reported fairly normal although occasional swarming was noted. Some feeding of colonies in hot arid regions was reported. The honey flow was generally indicated to be spotty. Honey plants appeared to be in fair condition where irrigation was available although the weather had been hot and dry for quite some time.

Idaho - Market demand was reported on the quiet side. Colony conditions were indicated to be about normal for this time of year. Plant and moisture conditions were normal with beekeepers anticipating an active honey season.

Montana - Market conditions were reported spotty with some areas reporting excellent market activity and others indicated not quite so good. Little or no movement of the new crop reported as yet. Colonies were reported in excellent condition with steady progress in increases in bee population and normal stores of honey. Honey plants appeared in fine shape with the moisture situation much improved and prospects beginning to improve for an anticipated good crop.

Utah - Market demand was reported at a standstill with only a few cooperatives interested in the new crop. Colonies were reported as being in generally fair to good condition according to the area under consideration. Moisture conditions appeared adequate with honey sources confined mostly to alfalfa as there had been too much local spraying for clover and the normal other sources of pollen.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES:

Arkansas - Market conditions were reported generally good at retail levels with prices, from packers and wholesalers in the northeast area reported as being poor and depressed. Colony conditions appeared to be very good although the hot dry weather from June 15 to July 20 hurt some colonies with losses in queens from one cause or another during this period. Moisture conditions were just fair due to the extended heat and dry weather.

Oklahoma - Market conditions were indicated good with good demand and steady prices. Colony conditions were spotty and ranged from fair to strong. Springflow was reported good in some areas but because of the prolonged period of hot dry weather flow had declined. Some beekeepers reported that the number of bees had been reduced considerably this season due to a variety of causes and this had reduced

SOUTHWESTERN STATES: (Continued)

Oklahoma: (Con'd) their general consumption of honey leaving more available for stores. Production appeared to be somewhat curtailed due to these conditions and if rain did not come soon prospects for the balance of the season would be much reduced.

Texas - Market conditions were reported dull in some instances and fairly good in others. As no new honey was yet available it was indicated that it does become available movement should improve. Colonies were indicated to be at a low stage in broodrearing as no pollen was available due to the extreme length of the dry period. The month of July was reported by some beekeepers as having more than 20 days of 100 degree daily temperatures compared with only two comparable days during the 1968 season. Lack of rain naturally has inhibited most types of honey plants with the possible exception of cotton which was being worked fairly well by the bees. Broomweed was fairly plentiful but usually would not be in bloom until about the first of September. Production from this area was expected to be on the light side.

PLAINS STATES:

Iowa - Market conditions at the retail level were reported to be about normal with some producers starting to extract new crop. Quality was reported generally good but the size of the crop so far was only fair. Colonies were reported in good condition with activity limited because of unfavorable weather conditions. Some swarming was reported. Rainfall was reported ample with honey plants in generally good condition.

Kansas - Market conditions were reported as fair. Colony conditions were only fair for this time of year. Alfalfa, Sunflower Corn and Sorghum were in flower with fairly moist conditions still prevailing in the eastern with some occasional drying in the western areas.

Missouri - Market conditions were reported fair to generally good. Colony conditions in the western areas were indicated as very good. Heavy rain from the middle of June to the middle of July helped the growth of Clover plants resulting in increase in the availability of clover honey. The average extracted per hive was around 100 pounds.

Nebraska - The eastern area reported market conditions as generally spotty, ranging from poor to good. Extracting of early flow had just started. Bees were reported to be in fairly good condition though extremely hot temperatures curtailed bee activity somewhat. Some clover plants had been damaged because of the lack of moisture. Rain was lacking but conditions were reported mostly generally good.

North Dakota - Market conditions in the western area were reported quite active with most interest in water white Clover and Alfalfa honey. It was indicated that colonies were in excellent condition with hives heavy with bees. Occasional swarming had been a problem but the flow had been fairly good and prospects for an excellent top quality crop were reported. Honey plants were in good condition with plenty of moisture with more than the normal amount of Sweet Clovers in full bloom. Slightly warmer weather was all that could be desired to improve the prospects of a good honey crop.

PLAINS STATES: (Continued)

South Dakota - Market conditions were reported as moderate to strong with no honey for sale except that which was already on the shelves. Colonies were in good condition for this time of the season with excellent moisture conditions and a fine growth of local honey plants.

CENTRAL STATES:

Indiana - The eastern area reported excessive rain and hot humid weather had been the rule for the past 6 weeks and since about July 10 the honey flow had settled down to a light trickle. Humidity had remained so high that beekeepers feared that the new crop of honey might not be sufficiently ripe to meet U.S. Grades regulations. Consequently beekeepers were reluctant to remove the honey from the hives. The crop was reported by some beekeepers to be the largest within the last 3 years. Honey plant and moisture conditions were excellent.

Michigan The eastern area reported most of last year honey crop had been cleared off the market with many inquiries for conditions on the progress of the new crop. Colonies mostly were in good condition with occasional swarming reported. Bees had been very active gathering nectar from a bumper Clover crop. Prospects for a heavy flow were excellent. Moisture was generally sufficient with only an occasional dry area reported. The Southeast area reported that Sweet Clover, Alsike, Basswood and Star Thistle had bloomed well and when the sun was shining the nectar flow was quite good. However, excessive rains and poor flying weather had prevented what could have become a good crop although the weather was reported showing some small sign of a breaking. Generally, most beekeepers were optimistic of an eventual fine crop.

Minnesota - Market conditions at the local level appeared good with very little of last years extracted honey for sale. The 1969 crop of comb honey was reported as being sold as soon as it was released by the beekeepers. One supplier reported that this was partly the result of the publicity that raw honey had received lately in the local retail outlets. Colonies were reported in fine condition with a fairly good flow coming in from Dutch Clovers and Basswood. There was some abnormal swarming reported due to some unfavorable flight weather that contributed earlier to reduced crop prospects, but with continued warmer weather a fairly good flow was in progress. Moisture conditions were generally favorable for the continuing growth of local honey plants. The Southeast area reported very strong winds and chilly weather from early to mid-July. Basswood began blooming about July 14 but bees did little flying about this time of the month due to adverse weather. After this period, the flow was mostly on the light side. So far, no swarming had been reported. Horsemint was ready to bloom but yields only when conditions are near perfect according to reports. Moisture was adequate.

Ohio - Buyers were looking for good honey as the crop was spotty and reported to be rather short. Most colonies apparently were in good condition with plenty of supers in the hives. Some beekeepers reported abnormal swarming. Honey plants were reported to be in fine condition due to more than adequate rainfall during the past 6 weeks. A few reports indicated that at present the Clover honey crop would average 50-60 lbs. per colony in most well kept apiaries.

CENTRAL STATES: (Continued)

Wisconsin - Most local demand was reported to be very good although some areas reported some signs of sluggishness. Generally bees were reported to be in good condition with some beekeepers reporting some cases of excessive swarming and these colonies only now beginning to build up in population again. Bees generally have been filling supers and taking advantage of the apparently excellent honey plant availability. Honey plants were most plentiful due to the excessive early rains and with an abundant Clover bloom beekeepers were looking forward to a heavy honey flow.

NORTHEASTERN STATES:

Connecticut - Market conditions were reported from mostly good to fairly good at the local retail level. Colonies were reported in good condition with adequate surplus honey in most high population hives. Moisture conditions were indicated good to excellent with approximately nine straight days of rain in July that confined bees to the hives. This resulted in little or no honey gathering at that time. Honey plants were reported in fine condition.

New Jersey - The central area reported that retail sales were continuing normal for this time of year, and, the northern area reported that sales at all levels were good. Most colonies were reported in fine condition with adequate supers and excess honey. Bees were working Tulip Poplar and Sweet Clovers with prospects of a fine quality honey crop. Fall plants, mainly Asters and Goldenrod were progressing well and beekeepers stated they were in the best condition in several years. Rainfall was now adequate.

New York - Sales to roadside stands were reported very brisk with general market conditions strong. Colony conditions were indicated as excellent with many beekeepers concerned with swarming as the honey flow had been very good and bees were short of adequate room for expansion in the hives. Beekeepers had used most of their available equipment and time was short for making new supers. The Basswood flow was good but clover was light so far. Moisture was adequate.

Pennsylvania - Sales were reported to be normal for this time of year. Colony conditions appeared to be very good with most hives considered strong, however, some swarming was reported with full supers. One beekeeper reported the heaviest flow he had seen in years. Moisture conditions were fair. With warm nights and Clovers yielding an abundant supply of nectar an excellent crop of honey was forecast.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES:

Maryland - Market conditions were reported steady with sales at roadside stands adequate for this time of year. Colonies were strong to excellent with adequate stores and strong populations. Weather had been very dry so that nectar presently appeared to be on the short side but this apparently was normal for this time of year.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES: (Continued)

Kentucky - The market conditions were reported as good with a fairly steady demand. Colonies were excellent condition with adequate supers and honey supplies. Honey plants mostly had finished blooming with Coral Berry the only plant just about ready to bloom. Moisture was adequate. An excellent honey flow was reported.

Tennessee - Market conditions were reported as good with a steady demand for 2½-lb. jars. Colonies were in excellent condition for this time of year although honey plants were reported to be drying up due to an unusually long dry spell. Rain was badly needed in many areas though one beekeeper reported that his honey flow was heavy because of the excellent bloom of Poplar, White Clover, Red Clover and Sourwood.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES:

Market conditions were reported good with most honey sold as soon as it was ready for market. Colonies were in fine condition for this time of the season with no swarming so far and honey supplies holding up well. Some beekeepers were requeening with very good success due to the generally excellent condition of the hives. Moisture was plentiful.

Louisiana - Demand for honey was reported as slow. Hot weather had slowed down requeening and bee populations were reported as just fair. Rain and showers were almost a daily occurrence and soil moisture content had returned to near normal. It was indicated that the summer flow would have been much better if the weather had been a little dryer. Extracting was continuing and the crop was apparently better than last year.

Georgia - Most of the Honey was out of producers hands or already contracted for. Prices of honey were generally unchanged.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: (Georgia)(Continued)

Georgia - Weather was hot and above normal throughout Georgia during July with some general rains and scattered showers that greatly helped the growth of flowers and plants. In North Georgia a good flow of sourwood was over and good crop was made. Bees generally were in good condition. At present bees are working White Sumac and Mixed Flowers. In South and Central Georgia bees were reported in normal to slightly better than normal condition. A good crop of Palmetto honey was made and bees were busy working Mexican Clover and Pepper Bush. Harvesting of the spring crop had been completed. Some bees had been moved to North Florida for working Partridge Pea. Rain had stopped the flow temporarily but it was about half over. Some honey was being stored in this area. Some queens were still moving from South Georgia. Prospects for fall flow in Georgia were normal or better.

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Market conditions were mostly reported good at the retail level with occasional exceptions.

Colonies were generally in excellent condition except in cases of continuous hot dry weather. Some swarming was noted as well as occasional glass container shortages. Some beekeepers raised prices to compensate for increased glass costs. Most areas reported a fine flow and some excellent crops of honey were reported. In drier areas the crop appeared to be spotty and in some cases supply limited.

Some honey plants were completely dried up however, in most areas moisture was adequate and plants were in fine condition.

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HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING AUGUST

These prices represent sales as reported by correspondent beekeepers and honey handlers. Because of the many thousands of beekeepers and handlers in the country, these should be considered as representative prices and not as full complete coverage of all transactions for any State or area.

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE			1/ :PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE	2/ :	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE			1/ :PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE	2/ :
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA					TEXAS				
Extra White Orange			15¢ del.		White Cotton			13½¢ f.o.b.	
Extra White Sage			14¢ del.		OKLAHOMA				
White to Extra White Sage			13½-14¢ del.		Light Amber Clover Alfalfa			13½¢ del.	
White to Extra White Sage					SOUTH DAKOTA				
(Containers Furnished)			13½¢ del.		Water White to White Sweet Clover				
Extra Light Amber Buckwheat			12½¢ del.		and Alfalfa			16-16½¢ f.o.b.	
Extra Light Amber Buckwheat (Container					KANSAS				
(Furnished)			11½¢ del.		Extra White Sweet Clover			16¢ f.o.b.	
Light Amber Buckwheat			11½¢ del.		MICHIGAN				
Extra White Sage-Buckwheat (new cans)			13¢ del.		White Clover			15½¢ del.	
White Alfalfa			12-12½¢ del.		Light Amber Mixed Flower			14¢ del.	
Extra Light Amber Alfalfa			12½¢ del.		WISCONSIN				
Light Amber Alfalfa			10½-11¢ del.		White Honey (Container Returned)			14½¢ del.	
Light Amber Alfalfa			11½¢ del.		White Clover			14¢ del.	
Light Amber Alfalfa (used cans)			11¢ del.		Mixed Honey			15¢ del.	
Light Amber Alfalfa-Eucalyptus			10½¢ del.		INDIANA				
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA					Light Sweet and White Clover			13½-15¢ f.o.b.	
White or lighter Orange			13½-14¢ del.		ILLINOIS				
Mostly			14¢ del.		White Clover			12¢ del.	
White or Light Sage			13½-14¢ del.		OHIO				
Mostly			14¢ del.		Light Amber Mixed Clover			13¢ del.	
Light Amber Buckwheat			13-13½¢ del.		Light Clover			15¢ del.	
Light Amber Sage Buckwheat	12		3/4-13¢ del.		LOUISIANA				
Extra Light Amber Sage Buckwheat	12		3/4 f.o.b.		Light Amber Mixed Clover			17¢ f.o.b.	
IMPERIAL VALLEY									
Light Amber Alfalfa			12-13¢ del.						
IDAHO									
White Clover			13 3/4¢ f.o.b.						
MONTANA									
Light Amber Alfalfa			13¢ del.						
MONTANA									
White Clover			14¢ f.o.b.						

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STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
EXTRACTED HONEY 60-LB. CANS PER LB.				
OREG.	Extra White Locust	-	-	25¢
	Light Amber Alfalfa	-	-	18 1/3¢
WASH.	Light Clover	-	-	20¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	19¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	15¢	16¢	20¢
KANS.	Extra White Sweet Clover	-	19¢	-
WISC.	White Honey	20 1/2¢	-	-
	White Dutch White Clover	15¢	-	-
MICH.	White Clover	16 1/2¢	-	-
	Light Amber Mixed Flower	15 1/2¢	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	20-24¢
IND.	White Clover	-	-	18¢
	Light Sweet and White Clover	15¢	-	-
ILL.	Light Clover	-	-	18¢
OHIO	Light Clover	-	20¢	-
N.Y.	Medium Light Mixed Basswood Dandelion	-	-	20¢
MD.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed	-	-	20¢
FLA.	Dark TiTi	-	-	28¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	17¢	-	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 5-LB. JARS PER LB.				
WASH.	Light Clover	-	25¢	27¢
OREG.	Light Amber Alfalfa	-	23¢	27¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	23¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	22¢	24¢	30¢
WISC.	White Honey	24¢	-	-
	White Clover	-	-	20¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	28-30¢
IND.	White Clover	-	-	28¢
ILL.	Light Clover	-	-	25¢
	White Clover	-	23 1/2¢	-
OHIO	Water White Sweet Clover	-	23¢	-
	Light Clover	-	23¢	-
N.Y.	Medium Light Mixed Basswood Dandelion	-	-	30¢
PA.	Light Clover Mixed	-	30¢	37¢
EXTRACTED HONEY 12, 2-LB. JARS				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OREG.	Extra White Locust	-	9.00	-
	Light Amber Alfalfa	-	6.90	-
WASH.	Light Clover	-	7.50	66 2/3¢
TEXAS	White Cotton	-	6.00	-
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.25	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	7.00	7.30	65¢
WISC.	White Honey	6.60	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	7.65	79-85¢
ILL.	Light Clover	-	6.05	-
OHIO	Water White Sweet Clover	-	6.90	-
	Light Clover	-	6.75	-
N.Y.	Medium Light Mixed Basswood Dandelion	-	7.18	-
MD.	Light Amber Clover and Mixed	-	-	66 2/3¢
FLA.	Very Light Amber Tupelo	9.00	9.35	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.20	-	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.50	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	7.20	7.40	32
WISC.	White Honey	7.20	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	7.85	44-49¢
ILL.	Light Clover	-	6.50	-
	White Clover	7.10	-	-
OHIO	Water White Sweet Clover	-	7.20	-
	Light Clover	-	6.85	-
N.Y.	Medium Light Mixed Basswood Dandelion	-	7.70	-
PA.	Light Clover Mixed	-	8.40	46¢
MD.	Light Amber Clover & Mixed	-	-	36¢
FLA.	Very Light Amber Tupelo	9.50	9.85	-
	Amber Mixed	6.00	7.00	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	7.40	-	-

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		:(Generally Delivered):(Generally Delivered):(Local Sales)		
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8-oz. JARS</u>		<u>Per case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
WISC.	White Honey	4.50	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	7.00	37-39¢
ILL.	White Clover	4.20	-	-
OHIO	Water White Sweet Clover	-	4.20	-
N.Y.	Medium Light Mixed Basswood Dandelion	-	4.52	-
PA.	Light Clover Mixed	-	5.00	28¢
FLA.	Very Light Amber Tupelo	5.65	6.00	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	4.30	-	-
<u>SECTION COMB 24</u>				
WISC.	White Honey	11.00	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 13-oz.	-	11.00	59-69¢
IND.	White Clover 14-oz.	-	-	45¢
ILL.	Light Clover	-	-	59-65¢
OHIO	Water White Sweet Clover 12-oz.	-	12.00	-
	Light Clover 14-oz.	-	10.00	-
N.Y.	Medium Light Mixed Basswood Dandelion 12-oz.	-	12.00	-
	Water White Clover 14-oz.	10.00	-	-
PA.	Light Clover Mixed 12-oz.	-	10.80	60¢
<u>BULK COMB CHUNK PACK</u>				
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	11.00	59-69¢
IND.	Light Sweet & White Clover 12, 2½-lb.	9.00	-	-
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.85	-	-
OHIO	Water White Sweet Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	9.50	-
	Light Clover 24, 14-oz.	-	8.75	-
<u>CREAMED HONEY</u>				
WISC.	White Honey 12, 1-lb.	3.80	-	-
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.00	-	-
OHIO	Water White Sweet Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	8.00	-

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN DRUMS

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>		:PRICES & BASIS:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>		:PRICES & BASIS
		: OF SALE 2/ :			: OF SALE 2/ :
<u>CENTRAL CALIFORNIA</u>			<u>ILLINOIS</u>		
Light Amber Alfalfa(used drums)export 12½¢ del.			White Clover		
Extra Light Amber Alfalfa (furnished) 12¢ del.			OHIO		
<u>OKLAHOMA</u>			Water White Sweet Clover		
Light Amber Clover Alfalfa			Light Amber to White Honey		
<u>NORTH DAKOTA</u>			NEW YORK		
Water White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa			Water White Clover		
(Drum Exchanged)			PENNSYLVANIA		
<u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u>			Locust		
Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa			Light Amber Tulip Poplar		
16¢ f.o.b.			<u>FLORIDA</u>		
<u>NEBRASKA</u>			Dark Titi		
White Sweet Clover (drums returned)16 -16½¢			Very Light Amber Tupelo		
<u>MICHIGAN</u>			Amber Mixed		
White Clover			White Orange		
Light Amber Mixed Flower			Amber Mixed Flowers		
<u>WISCONSIN</u>			LOUISIANA		
White Honey (Container Returned)			Dark Mixed		
Mixed			White Clover		
<u>INDIANA</u>					
Light Sweet & White Clover					

SALES OF BEESWAX PER POUND

STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE <u>2/</u> :	STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS : OF SALE <u>2/</u>
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA		CHICAGO	
Beeswax	65¢ f.o.b.	Light	68¢ del.
TEXAS		OHIO	
Light	68¢ del.	Light	73¢ del.
OKLAHOMA		PENNSYLVANIA	
Yellow	68¢ del.	Light	70¢ del.
SOUTH DAKOTA		FLORIDA	
Lemon Yellow	72¢ del.	Yellow	72¢ del.
IOWA			
Light	65¢ del.		
Dark	62¢ del.		
KANSAS			
Light Yellow	76¢ del.		
MICHIGAN			
Light Yellow	70¢ del.		
WISCONSIN			
Light	68¢ del.		

FOOTNOTES FOR PAGES 1-4

1/ State or origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term "clover" includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping point; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

PRESS RELEASE

From the United States Department of Agriculture
August 25, 1969

The United States Department of Agriculture announced on August 25, 1969, the sale of 68,304 pounds of unprocessed honey for unrestricted use in accordance with announcement MP-H-4, dated August 11, 1969.

Awards were made as follows:

<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Cents/lb.</u>
Neiman Brothers Co., Inc. Chicago, Ill	Stockton, Calif.	42,236	13.25
Burleson's Inc. Waxahachie, Texas	Houston, Texas	26,068	11.5

Sales were made on a competitive offer basis, transfer of title "as is, where is". Offers were to have been received in the Minneapolis ASCS Commodity office not later than 4:45 p.m. CDT, Tuesday, August 19, 1969.

As a result of the above sales, there is no remaining honey available under announcement MP-h-4; therefore, no further offers will be considered under this invitation.

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

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Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packagers, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for markets where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days (10). Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of August. Sixty pound cans are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated. Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand slow. Market dull. Arrivals 174,232 pounds of domestic White Clover. Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and retailers. Some promotions planned for September.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.42-4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50
		Few Best Mark	7.50-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.65-4.35
		1 Mark	4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35
		<u>CREAMED--</u>	
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.50

CHICAGO: Demand moderate. Market steady. Brokers' and packers' sales to wholesalers and other users.

EXTRACTED:

60-lb.	Cans White Clover per lb.	16½¢	Light
	Amber 15½¢	Nebr. & Minn.	55 and 60-lb. Cans
	and Drums White Clover and Light Mixed	21¢	
	Small lots 22½¢		
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.25
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50
		<u>CREAMED</u>	
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.15

CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady. Arrivals 43,206 pounds. Brokers' sales to wholesalers and large retailers 16-lb. Tins 18¢ light amber 16¢.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.45-7.30
		Plastic Creamed Honey	
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	4.55
24,	8-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.75
24,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	7.30
		Plastic Squeeze--	
12,	1-lb.	Honey With Comb	4.95
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
7,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Supplies plentiful. Brokers' sales to retailers. Colo.-Nebr.-New Mexico 60-lb. Tins Light Amber 17¢ White 20¢

DENVER: (Continued)

EXTRACTED:

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand fair. Market steady. Arrivals 75,042 pounds. Domestic. Brokers and packers' sales to retailers and wholesalers of Mixed

flowers mostly White Clover--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.45
6,	3½-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.20
12,	3-lb.	Jars	8.15
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.10-6.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.30
		Few	7.10
24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.85-4.00
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.35
12,	16-oz.	Comb Few	4.55

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer whole-sale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or Better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Server Jar	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Plastic Squeeze Bottles--

12, 12-oz. Bottle 4.20-4.35

Blended Flavors Extra Light Amber--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

Creamed Honey--White Orange Clover

According to Quality--

12,	1-lb.	Bowl	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Blended Flavors--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.25
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CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb) Honey

CloverSage--

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75

SECTION COMB-- Clover White

12,	9-oz.	Sections	6.50
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SAFFLOWER--Straight Flavor Light Amber

12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.00

MINNEAPOLIS: Demand good. Market slightly weaker.

Producer sales to brokers' delivered Minneapolis by truck Minnesota white Sweet Clover 80-55 gallon drums at 14¢ with Container exchanged. Light amber Mixed Flower 30-55 gallon drums at 12¢ with container exchanged. Beeswax 750 pounds Cash 48¢ Trade 50¢

Sales to jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis-- Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Jars	3.35
12,	1½-lb.	Plastic Jars	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.55
6,	3-lb.	Plastic Jar	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.75
CREAMED HONEY--			
6,	2-lb.	Cups Spread	4.15
12,	10-oz.	Cups Spread	3.00
CUT COMB--			
12,	11½-oz.	Packages	5.35

NEW YORK: Demand fair. Market steady. Arrivals by boat in cases-- Belgium 100, Jamaica 35 Spain 50, Australia 30, Holland 125; in cartons France 35; in drums-- Argentina 190, Mexico 123. Importers and wholesalers sales to bakers and large users.

EX DOCK MEXICO TINS 16½-17¢

EX DOCK MEXICO Drums 650-lb. 13-15¢

EX DOCK ARGENTINA Drums 15½-16½¢

EX WAREHOUSE MEXICO TINS 17½¢

EX WAREHOUSE MEXICO Drums 15-16¢

SOUTH WEST TEXAS Extra Light Amber Drums

EX WAREHOUSE New York 15½¢

MIDWEST LIGHT AMBER TINS 15½-18¢

White Clover tins 17½-18½¢

NEW YORK Buckwheat 21-22¢

NEW YORK Light Amber 18-18½¢

FLORIDA Orange Bakers Tins 21½¢

FLORIDA Orange Bakers Drums 20¢

OHIO Buckwheat 18½¢

OHIO White Clover 19½¢

Processed packages. Bakers' sales' to wholesalers and retailers White Clover Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.93
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.92
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.62
6,	5-oz.	Jars	3.50
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2-lb. 8-oz.	Jars	4.75
	Colored Dish Bowl		4.55
	plastic Doll		4.55

Extra Light Amber Jars--

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.55
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.15
24,	5-oz.	Jars	3.40
4,	5-lb.	Tins	5.15
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05

Drums 650-lb. 22¢ Tins 60-lb. 24¢

12-lb. 25¢ Tins

1 Mark Amber Jars

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.85
8,	3-lb.	Jars	6.90
	Plastic 6, 5-lb.		6.20

NEW YORK: (Continued)

BEESWAX: Arrivals in bags-- Brazil 605, Chile 270 Haiti 89, Mexico 511, Dominican Republic 176, East Africa 150; in blocks West Africa 491, Ethiopia 190; in cases-- Germany 25; in packages-- West Africa 149, Sudan 27; in slabs-- West Africa 111.

EX DOCK Per lb. Actual sales and offerings to dealers, refiners and importers--

AFRICA	76-82¢
MEXICO	83-84¢
CHILE	83-84¢
SANTA DOMINGO	79-81¢
HAITI	79-81¢
PUERTO RICO	75¢
BRAZIL	83-84¢

PHILADELPHIA: Demand fair. Market steady. Arrivals by rail and truck domestic 51,400 lbs.

Sales by repackers to retailers, chains, bakers and other large users.

EXTRACTED: Domestic Drums and 60-lb. Tins per lb. White Clover Extra Light 18½¢

		Amber 17½¢	
6,	2-lb.	Jars	3.15-3.25
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.80-4.90
6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.85-6.90
6,	8 3/4-lb.	Tins	11.00-11.10
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.30-2.40
12,	16-oz.	Jars	3.30-3.40
12,	2-lb.	Jars	9.05-9.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.10-4.20
24,	16-oz.	Jars	6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand fair. Market about steady.

Arrivals by truck mostly Midwestern 46,110 lbs.

Brokers' sales to large wholesalers and large retailers of Clover and Light Amber

EXTRACTED:

6,	2-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars	5.00

CREAMED HONEY--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	5.00
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.55

PORTLAND: Demand good. Market steady. Sales to wholesalers and chains and large buyers.

EXTRACTED

6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.30-6.75
6,	4-lb.	Tins	5.95
12,	8-oz.	Clover	2.70
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	16-oz.	Jars	4.65
12,	24-oz.	Chile & Fireweed	6.55

Idaho & Montana Sage--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.30
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Chile & Sage	4.25-4.65
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Jars Chile Fireweed	8.80
6,	3-lb.	Chile Sage	5.00
6,	3-lb.	Clover	5.00
12,	1-lb.	Comb in Jar	5.75

Oregon Chile and Fireweed--

12,	10-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.85
12,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	3.70
24,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	6.60
12,	12-oz.	Squeeze Bottle	4.35
12,	1-lb.	Spun Fireweed	3.90
12,	20-oz.	Spun Fireweed	4.95

SAN FRANCISCO: Market steady. Honey packer whole- SEATTLE: (Continued)

sale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight flavors: White or better Orange, Sage and Clover According to Quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.20-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottle	4.29

Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	5.94-6.76
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.25
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.21-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50-4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.67-4.68

CREAMED: White Orange Clover, According to Quality--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.69-3.97
24,	12-oz.	Jars (Spun)	7.88

CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb): Clover-Sage

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.56-3.87
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.83-6.17

VARIOUS BLENDS: Mostly Light amber alfalfa

mixture; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users 60-lb. cans and drums (Container returned) 15-18¢

SEATTLE: Demand fair. to good. Market steady.

Sales to wholesalers and other large buyers of Clover and Alfalfa Light Amber or Better Unless Otherwise Stated

EXTRACTED:

12,	5-lb.	Tins	14.40
12,	4-lb.	Tins	10.90
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.00-7.70
6,	4-lb.T	Tins	6.50

EXTRACTED: (Continued)

12,	2½-lb.	Tins	7.50-7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75-4.65
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.75
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-5.25
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.15-4.35

Fireweed

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.50
42,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	8.00

Orange and Sage--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
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Orange --

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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Apples--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
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CREAMED

12,	20-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.65
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12,	20-oz.	Plastic Dups	4.95
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12,	1½-lb.	Jars Spun	6.25-6.75
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12,	12-oz.	Bottles	3.25
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24,	16-oz.	Cups Spun	8.20
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24,	12-oz.	Cups With	
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		Cinnamon Honey	6.60
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12,	10-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
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		Honey	3.25
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24,	10-oz.	Cups	6.00-6.30
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		Comb Honey Clover U.S.One--	
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12,	12-oz.	Packages	5.75.
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ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market steady.

Brokers' sales to bakers.

EXTRACTED: Per Lb. Light Amber 17% White

Clover 19¢ Wholesalers sales to chains and large retailers

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
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6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
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12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.25
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12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
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12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
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12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	4.35
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12,	12-oz.	Creamed	4.55
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12,	1-lb.	Creamed Glass	4.55
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24,	11-oz.	Comb	9.00
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CALIFORNIA POINTS

Weather for all California Districts during the first half of August - Temperatures were mostly well above normal during the first half of August. Departures ranged 2 to 8 degrees above the expected normal. Statewide extremes ranged from 118 degrees in the desert valleys to below freezing in the northeastern interior. Temperatures in the Colorado River valley during the first week of August averaged 101 degrees, the warmest week since 1963. Other locations had the warmest days in several years. Little or no precipitation fell.

Weather for all California Districts during the last half of August - Dry and very warm weather continued through the last half of August. Most of the mountain and desert regions averaged 4 or more degrees above normal for 5 to 6 straight weeks. Central Valley areas also averaged above normal. Light showers fell at mid-period in the southern Nevadas and much cloudiness with occasional showers occurred in coastal areas. A large area in San Diego County was burned over during the period and forest and brush fires were reported elsewhere in the State.

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - At the end of August, colony conditions throughout the State were better than normal. Stores of honey and pollen are abundant. Brood-rearing is still active in most sections and colonies have good populations of young bees. Damage has come from spraying of cotton, alfalfa, clover, and walnuts.

Active movement of colonies from pollination locations of wild flowers was taking place. Most seed fields had finished blooming and some were being cut for harvest. Also, some bees were being moved out of cotton and other areas likely to be sprayed. Some colonies were being moved back into California from Nevada locations.

Pollination rentals during August for alfalfa seed were at \$3.50-5.00; clover \$3.50-4.50; cantaloups, watermelons, and squash \$3.50-4.50; and beans \$3.50 per colony.

At the end of August bees were working star thistle, clover, beans, corn, milo, squash, melons, alfalfa, blue curl, tarweed, cotton, buckwheat, sumac, tamarisk, and miscellaneous weeds for nectar. Star thistle, some eucalyptus, alfalfa, corn, milo, squash, tarweed, garden vegetables, buckwheat, sumac, and miscellaneous weeds for pollen.

Blue curl and tarweed are reported above normal in abundance and in good condition. Both are blooming earlier than normal. A good cotton flow is on now. Alfalfa is about over but lots of alfalfa butterfly reported in fields still blooming. In Southern California some buckwheat honey is still being stored. Large acreages of alfalfa are in bloom in the Antelope Valley but few bees have been moved in yet. The harvest of barley, alfalfa, clover, safflower, and beans has taken thousands of acres of workable honey plants.

Beekeepers were actively extracting honey during August. Quality is generally good and in many instances reported better than normal. Yields have been much higher than in recent year. Most lots are lighter color than usual and of heavy body. Beekeepers in August reported yields this year of 22½-30 pounds from clover; 25-30 pounds from star

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Continued)

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - (Continued) - thistle; 30 to as high as 150 from buckwheat; 60-120 from sage; 40 pounds from mixed flowers; and 15-60 pounds per hive from alfalfa. Although it is too early to estimate average yields per colony some indications are that they will be well above normal.

Southern California - (First half of August) Offerings were liberal on buckwheat, alfalfa, orange, and sage. Beekeepers were encouraged to put honey under government loan as dealer- packer facilities were full and they would have to build or lease new facilities to store honey until needed. Export trading was light. Uncertainty as to the value of money in Europe due to the devaluation of the franc was a contributing factor.

Southern California - (Last half of August) Offerings were liberal on alfalfa, buckwheat, sage, and orange honeys. Some contacts stated that they were trying to talk beekeepers into putting honey under government loan as their storage facilities were full. Also, with interest rates high storage costs would make it very expensive to purchase at this time. Export trading was light due to the lack of supplies.

Northern & Central California (First half of August) Beekeeper offerings were heavy and included most colors and floral sources produced in the area. Many beekeepers had underestimated this year's crop and were returning for additional cans or drums. Honey packers were limiting purchases. Many reported warehouses were filled. Some reported limiting purchases due to the high interest rates. Demand from retail outlets slowed during the very hot weather but was considered normal by most. Demand from bakeries and commercial users was steady and normal. Export inquiry increased but trading remained light. Beekeepers report good to excellent flows from blue curl and prospects appear good for flows from other fall plants.

Northern & Central California (Last Half of August) Beekeeper offerings continued liberal and in excess of current trade needs. Some packers limited spot purchases to old accounts or to special needs. Beekeepers were being encouraged to hold supplies for later sale or to place lots under government loan. This was especially true of darker grades which some dealers feel may be in light supply before next year's crop becomes available. Demand from retail outlets was good, generally considered above seasonal expectations. Movement to commercial users was steady and normal. Export inquiry was fairly active with several bulk sales reported. Most beekeepers report good flows from blue curl and other late flowers.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES

Oregon - Market conditions were reported good at the local retail sales level on extracted honey but rather slow on cut comb. Colonies were generally in excellent condition with poison loss less than reported in recent years and with an almost continual honey flow being maintained. Colony strength had been good with good nectar yields. Honey plants were also in good condition with irrigation water in plentiful supply though little or no rain was expected till late fall.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES: (Continued)

Oregon - (Con'd) Temperatures averaged near normal most of the past month raining 1 to 8 degrees below normal only during the first week. Rainfall was light during August. Flights in higher elevations were curtailed along the west coast on account of some early morning fog. Fireweed was about finished in higher elevations. Yields were expected to be slightly higher than normal.

Washington - Colony conditions were reported strong where poisoning was not a factor. One beekeeper reported moving as many as one thousand hives from out of the influence of sprayed areas around Sunnyside and Grandview. The honey flow was over and some robbing of stores was reported. Most beekeepers were presently busy with extracting. West of the Cascades weather temperatures and rainfall for the month averaged below normal. Colonies were reported to be generally in good condition with a good honey flow though tapering off fast. Pollen sources included clover, thistle and fireweed.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES:

Idaho - Market demand was again reported as being on the quiet side with most producers placing a part of their crop under loan to pay current expenses. Colony conditions were reported to be excellent in the upper Snake River Valley with Eastern Idaho report revealing one of the best honey crops ever from that area.

Montana - White honey appeared to be of very good quality with prices opening at last years closing of approximately 15½-16¢. Colonies were very strong with population and brood with the impulse to swarm also noticeably strong. Honey plants and moisture conditions were inadequate as the State generally was considered to be very dry. The honey crop itself was reported to be mostly from very good to fine quality throughout the State.

Utah - Demand was reported at a standstill with only a few cooperatives interested in the new crop. Colonies were reported as spotty with adequate supplies for some and inadequate supplies for others. Most honey plants were nearly all dried up as there had been no rainfall for nearly a month.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES

Oklahoma - Market demand continued good. Colony conditions were good but the weather had been very dry and hot which cut the honey flow rather short. This condition appeared to be improving with recent good rains and plants were again regaining their green appearance. With the new bloom, this condition was expected to enable bees to gather adequate supplies for their regular winter stores. One beekeeper in the Southwest area reported that production in his area would be approximately one third less than last year.

Texas - Market conditions were reported as spotty with ample honey flows in some areas and light supplies in others. Improvement was expected around the first of September. Colony conditions were also spotty ranging from fair to medium strength in population and supplies. Some areas reported a few flights at any time of the day due to extremely dry weather conditions resulting in a

SOUTHWESTERN STATES: (Continued)

Texas - (Con'd) noticeable lack of bloom for the bees to work their nectar and pollen supplies. Broomweed was expected to bloom around September 5 and with the natural increases in broodrearing this increase in population should enable the bees to lay in adequate stores. Temperatures were slightly lower than normal for the past week in August but still ranging around the 100 degree mark. Unless rain is forthcoming soon to help the broomweed and aster plants conditions may not improve. Most plants were naturally in very poor condition due to lack of moisture and the hot dry weather.

PLAINS STATES

Iowa - Demand seemed to be more active with the new crop of honey being extracted. Sales at the retail level were good with prices reported a little better than last year. There was a very strong demand for raw honey but only a few wholesale bulk prices were reported. Colonies appeared to be in good condition except where poison sprays had greatly weakened them. Bees were actively working alfalfa and an abundance of heartease. Some honey crops were reported to range from 60 to 150 pounds and with the quality especially good. Honey plants appeared to be in good condition after the good rains on the 19th of August but some areas that had not received this rain were still dry and in need of moisture.

Kansas - Demand from the retail trade appeared to be about average for this time of the year but inquiries from jobbers had slackened since most clover honey had already been committed. Colony conditions were relatively good but nectar appeared to be a little scarce though pollen was plentiful. Some colonies were losing weight under these conditions due to excessive broodrearing and with some areas being reported as being queenless. Heavy yields were reported from alfalfa with a medium soil moisture content. Occasional areas reported insufficient moisture content.

Nebraska - Demand for the new crop was beginning to improve now that the old crop had been moved into the hands of consumers. Bees were in excellent condition with a light honey flow from alfalfa on and with gains of approximately one to two pounds per day. The honey crop ranged from poor to good with most beekeepers having a "wait & see" attitude. Rain was badly needed with soil and honey plants reflecting this condition.

North Dakota - An active demand for water white clover and alfalfa honey was reported. Colonies were reported in good condition with the honey flow averaging slightly above normal to date. The flow appeared to be almost over. If rainfall occurs soon an additional flow from alfalfa might result. Lack of moisture was reflected in the appearance of honey plants and moisture conditions.

South Dakota - Market conditions were reported as strong with no honey for sale except that which was already on retailers shelves. Colony conditions were normal to strong in population and stores. Honey plants were reported as unusually good in the eastern part of the State and only fair in the other areas. Soil moisture content appeared to be about normal with prospects of a September flow which would be the first in several years.

CENTRAL STATES

Illinois - Retail demand was reported as being slower than normal with comb honey demand improving now that the new crop honey is being extracted. Some yields were reported up to approximately 200 pounds. Colony conditions were about 97 percent of normal with not much poisoning of bees to date. The Clover honey flow seemed to slow down after July 16 according to beekeepers with scale colonies. Honey plants and moisture conditions were reported to be about normal with some areas in the north central section reporting very dry conditions.

Indiana - August is the traditional transitional period between the old honey crop and new honey crop sales and inquiries were just beginning to come in from quantity purchase consumers. Prices on small pack jars were being increased slightly to cover the increased costs of small glass jars which beekeepers felt was a direct result of the glass strike settlement of late last summer. Bees generally were reported to be in good condition with some curtailment of broodrearing due to a slow down of the late honey flow. The present crop was rapidly being extracted with well kept yards averaging about 100 pounds of honey per colony. It was reported that this was believed to be the best crop taken in the last 4 years. Quality appeared to be good except that some comb honey was capped a little too soon. Soil moisture content was down after the earlier excessive rain period. Weather had been very humid since about August 18 with a naturally deteriorating effect on the production of honey plant blooms.

Michigan - Retail demand appears to be about normal for this time of the year. The southern area reported harvesting one of the best honey crops since the 1930s. Beekeepers expressed the belief that some glass container shortages probably will be felt again this year. Colonies were generally good with some spotty conditions noted, where there had been a noticeable lack of moisture. Statewide rain was very badly needed and honey plants were reflecting this condition.

Minnesota - Market conditions were reported to be generally on the strong side, with an excellent honey flow in progress higher prices should naturally follow, according to most beekeepers. Colonies were reported as fair to good with some excessive swarming noted under excessive population conditions. It was reported by one beekeeper that no rain had fallen for over 20 days and with high temperatures and winds much of the White Dutch Clover was dried up and it was doubtful if it would survive for next year. Alfalfa appeared to be doing nicely with Taproots well down in the subsoil and still blooming and producing nectar. Soil over most of the State appeared to be very dry and more rain was needed for the Goldenrod flow.

Ohio - The retail market appeared to be generally steady with wholesale demand about steady. Producer prices were generally a little higher due to some glass shortages. The honey crop was spotty but generally good in the north central section. Bees appeared to be strong in population but light in stores. for winter and excessive swarming was noted in some instances. Fall honey plants appeared good with generally plenty of soil moisture though some county areas were dry.

CENTRAL STATES: (Con'd)

Wisconsin - Demand was reported as good at the retail and wholesale levels. Colonies were reported as good to excellent with bees mostly in fine condition. Most colonies had high proportions of population and this helped bring in a bumper crop of high quality honey. Weather had been hot and dry but with wild flowers starting to bloom and much clovers still in bloom, bees had been very active. Temperatures had been around 40 degrees at night and up around 90 degrees in the daytime with moisture conditions adequate.

NORTHEASTERN STATES

Connecticut - Market conditions ranged from mostly good to fair at the local retail level. Colony conditions were reported good. Bees early in July apparently had ample stores. However, almost continuous rainfall and overcast skies from July 15 to about August 6 caused the depletion of some if not all of this surplus. This could make the fall Aster and Goldenrod flow important. Moisture conditions were good to excellent as heavy rains during July and August had supplied the area with sufficient moisture. Honey plant conditions were good. Bees were working smartweed and Canadian Goldenrod along with various other Goldenrod species that were just beginning to bloom.

Massachusetts - No market or colony conditions were reported. Beekeepers stated that Goldenrod plants and various other honey plants were in bloom and furnishing bees with adequate nectar and pollen supplies. Weather had been mostly around the 80 degrees mark with a very dry summer so far.

New Jersey - Retail consumer demand was about normal for this time of the season. Most colonies were in good condition for the fall flow with good moisture conditions. Plants looked in good shape.

New York - Market conditions were reported good. New crop Clover honey was just appearing on the market with good color and flavor. Colony conditions were mixed, with some reported at about 80 percent of normal and others well above normal. Rainfall apparently had been plentiful with the past month ideal for good honey production.

Pennsylvania The market was steady. Bees were reported to be apparently in good condition and working hard and storing considerable amounts of honey and pollen. The Southwest area reported that due to earlier excess in population some swarming had been a problem and some hives were queenless. Beekeepers stated that due to continuous dry weather the earlier fine Clover bloom had been practically obliterated, but that the present rainy condition should remedy this situation. Most beekeepers were looking forward to a prolonged fall flow. Bees were working Goldenrod with daytime weather warm and dry and the evenings cool and pleasant.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

Maryland - The north central area reported market conditions as being steady but not yet in full swing. Colony conditions were described as good with adequate stores for the winter and with most extracting completed. The crop averaged approximately 50 pounds per colony. Honey plants were in good condition. No additional surplus was expected in this area this year although plenty of moisture was available.

South Carolina - Market demand remained steady. Colonies were building for the fall honey flow after the long dry summer. Mid August brought relief from the humidity and heat in the form of much needed rain. Honey plants and soil conditions were now considered adequate for their needs.

Kentucky - Market conditions were reported firm to strong especially on comb or chunk honey in the north central area. Beekeepers reported the best honey flow in several years from Sweet Clover. Colonies were in excellent condition although some honey stores were used during August at some Clover locations. Honey plants presently appeared to be dormant, so no basic source of nectar was available for bees. Spanish Needles were just about to bloom and additional incoming nectar was expected for the fall flow from Goldenrod and Aster bloom. The rainfall from "Camille" on August 16 and again on August 19 helped honey plants and moisture to the extent that beekeepers were again looking forward to a fairly good fall flow from Clovers, Choral-berry and Goldenrod.

Tennessee - Very little information was reported. Market conditions were good. Colonies were reported as being only fair.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES:

Florida - Market conditions were steady to good. However, the central area reported the demand as slow. Colonies ranged from extra good to just fair with honey plants and moisture normal. Some areas reported that rain was badly needed to produce additional growth in honey plants for a fall flow.

Georgia - Bees were in good condition throughout Georgia during August. There was plenty of moisture during the month at most points and bees were very active. Aster and Goldenrod were in full bloom in North Georgia. In South and Central Georgia there was mostly Mexican Clover with some flattop Goldenrod and tall Goldenrod. Bees have been making some surplus and were working some Soybeans where they have not been sprayed recently. North Florida partridge pea flow was good and about over. Honey market continued steady.

Louisiana - Market conditions were described as about typical for this time of the year but slightly on the slow side. Cooler weather could stimulate later sales. Colony conditions were reported normal with ample stores as of now although colonies could use a light flow when better weather permits. Showers were steadily improving honey plant conditions

MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF JUNE 30, 1969

1968 Crop

ITEM	Number	Quantity Put Under Loans	Loan Quantity Repaid	Pounds		Quantity Outstanding
	of			Loans Del.	and	
	Loans Made			Quantity Purch.		
Alabama	6	196,020	196,020	-	-	-
Arkansas	11	298,936	298,936	-	-	-
Arizona	46	826,014	812,718	-	-	13,296
California	67	4,515,984	4,477,968	-	-	38,016
Colorado	2	56,538	56,538	-	-	-
Florida	64	2,451,920	2,405,588	-	-	46,332
Georgia	25	919,618	903,458	-	-	16,160
Idaho	15	1,098,522	953,786	-	-	144,736
Illinois	4	170,694	170,694	-	-	-
Iowa	15	584,798	584,798	-	-	-
Kansas	17	343,332	343,332	-	-	-
Louisiana	3	51,902	51,902	-	-	-
Michigan	7	61,578	30,096	31,482	-	-
Minnesota	33	1,095,005	1,011,626	-	-	83,379
Missouri	6	407,458	407,458	-	-	-
Montana	8	242,019	242,019	-	-	-
Nebraska	106	3,762,542	3,497,744	-	-	264,798
New Mexico	2	28,080	28,080	-	-	-
New York	2	17,280	17,280	-	-	-
North Carolina	6	77,067	77,067	-	-	-
North Dakota	14	452,875	452,875	-	-	-
Ohio	2	1,591,920	1,591,920	-	-	-
Oregon	5	54,360	54,360	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	2	57,762	57,762	-	-	-
South Dakota	44	2,515,089	2,387,049	128,040	-	-
Texas	62	1,576,630	1,561,780	5,346	-	9,504
Utah	8	150,342	150,342	-	-	-
Virginia	1	8,100	8,100	-	-	-
Washington	22	642,708	642,708	-	-	-
Wisconsin	23	533,654	338,535	-	-	195,119
Wyoming	4	193,644	193,644	-	-	-
Totals	632	24,982,391	24,006,183	164,868	-	811,340

Comparative totals as of June 30

1967 Crop	791	31,101,184	23,178,052	2,848,858 ^{1/}	-	5,354,063
1966 Crop	644	33,880,628	28,730,194	3,586,856 ^{1/}	-	1,841,569
1965 Crop	545	17,317,844	11,948,394	261,816 ^{1/}	-	5,129,259
1964 Crop	207	9,660,592	5,392,965	0	-	4,267,627

^{1/} Includes 279,789 lbs. purchased for the 1967 crop, 277,991 lbs. for the 1966 crop and 21,625 lbs. for the 1965 crop.

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1969 Crop

ITEM	Number	Quantity Put Under Loans	Loan Quantity Repaid	Pounds		Quantity Outstanding
	of			Loans Del.	and	
	Loans Made			Quantity Purch.		
Alabama	5	124,890	-	-	-	124,890
Arkansas	1	29,700	-	-	-	29,700
Arizona	6	181,818	-	-	-	181,818
California	6	301,968	-	-	-	301,968
Florida	39	996,138	1,188	-	-	994,950
Georgia	5	37,584	-	-	-	37,584
North Carolina	2	22,500	-	-	-	22,500
Texas	7	42,768	15,840	-	-	26,928
Virginia	1	17,280	-	-	-	17,280
Wisconsin	1	14,940	-	-	-	14,940
Totals	73	1,769,586	17,028	0	-	1,752,558

Comparative Total as of June 30

1968 Crop	95	2,482,792	3,780	0	-	2,479,012
1967 Crop	92	2,088,075	16,218	0	-	2,071,857
1966 Crop	97	3,065,167	0	0	-	3,065,167
1965 Crop	89	2,027,905	0	0	-	2,027,905

Source: Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF JULY 31, 1969
1968 Crop

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1968 Crop						
ITEM	: Number	:	:	:	Pounds	:
	: of	: Quantity Put	: Loan Quantity	:	Loans Del. and	: Quantity
	: Loans Made	: Under Loans	: Repaid	:	Quantity Purch.	: Outstanding
Alabama	6	196,020	196,020	-	-	-
Arkansas	11	298,936	298,936	-	-	-
Arizona	46	826,014	820,494	-	-	5,520
California	67	4,515,984	4,477,968	-	-	38,016
Colorado	2	56,538	56,538	-	-	-
Florida	64	2,451,920	2,412,122	-	-	39,798
Georgia	25	919,618	903,458	14,314	-	2,366
Idaho	15	1,098,522	1,093,046	-	-	5,476
Illinois	4	170,694	170,694	-	-	-
Iowa	15	584,798	584,798	-	-	-
Kansas	17	343,332	343,332	-	-	-
Louisiana	3	51,902	51,902	-	-	-
Michigan	7	61,578	30,096	31,482	-	-
Minnesota	33	1,095,005	1,069,225	-	-	25,780
Missouri	6	407,458	407,458	-	-	-
Nebraska	106	3,762,542	3,668,111	-	-	94,431
Montana	8	242,019	242,019	-	-	-
New Mexico	2	28,080	28,080	-	-	-
New York	2	17,280	17,280	-	-	-
North Carolina	6	77,067	77,067	-	-	-
North Dakota	14	452,875	452,875	-	-	-
Ohio	2	1,591,920	1,591,920	-	-	-
Oregon	5	54,360	54,360	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	2	57,762	57,762	-	-	-
South Dakota	44	2,515,089	2,387,049	128,040	-	-
Texas	62	1,576,630	1,561,780	14,850	-	-
Utah	8	150,342	150,342	-	-	-
Virginia	1	8,100	8,100	-	-	-
Washington	22	642,708	642,708	-	-	-
Wisconsin	23	533,654	533,654	-	-	-
Wyoming	4	193,644	193,644	-	-	-
Totals	632	24,982,391	24,582,838	188,686	211,387	-

Comparative Totals as of July 31

1967 Crop	788	31,001,986	23,680,205	5,554,415 ^{1/}	2,233,127	-
1966 Crop	644	33,880,628	29,151,912	4,138,891	909,512	-
1965 Crop	545	17,317,844	13,588,828	1,264,251	2,561,156	-
1964 Crop	206	9,630,217	5,903,465	0	3,726,752	-

^{1/} Includes 465,761 pounds purchased.

MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF JULY 31, 1969
1969 Crop

1909 Crop						
ITEM	Number	Quantity Put	Loan Quantity	Pounds		
	of	Under	Repaid	Loans Del. and	Quantity	
	Loans Made	Loans		Quantity Purch.	Outstanding	
Alabama	6	139,740	21,348	-		118,392
Arkansas	2	58,500	-	-		58,500
Arizona	12	286,092	-	-		286,092
California	19	720,762	3,402	-		717,360
Florida	60	1,567,008	7,128	-		1,559,880
Georgia	12	144,666	1,800	-		142,866
Kansas	2	81,378	-	-		81,378
Montana	1	1,080	-	-		1,080
Nebraska	4	91,800	-	-		91,800
New Mexico	1	5,940	-	-		5,940
North Carolina	2	22,500	-	-		22,500
South Dakota	3	26,130	-	-		26,130
Texas	18	230,202	19,500	-		210,702
Virginia	1	17,280	-	-		17,280
Wisconsin	1	14,940	-	-		14,940
Totals	144	3,408,018	53,178	0		3,354,840

Comparative totals as of July 31

1968 Crop	159	4,703,236	119,382	0	4,583,854	-
1967 Crop	175	3,983,421	90,261	0	3,893,160	-
1966 Crop	157	4,445,088	60,668	0	4,384,420	-
1965 Crop	178	3,927,137	43,497	0	857,865	-

Source: Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF HONEY FOR THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION

For May and June, 1969 in Pounds

Exports of Honey From the United States by			Imports of Honey Into the United States by		
Countries of Destination	May	June	Countries of Origin	May	June
Arabia	-	1,200	Argentina	702,862	235,379
Denmark	-	2,000	Canada	236,840	-
Canada	27,500	-	Mexico	1,328,230	1,391,616
Bahamas	640	-	Guatemala	56,780	11,200
Barbados	-	1,320	Poland	6,000	5,160
United Kingdom	8,736	312,220	United Kingdom	313	2,580
Sweden	12,000	25,200	West Germany	12,362	4,338
Netherlands	3,750	211,039	Greece	11,300	7,206
Belgium-Luxembourg	3,624	5,250	Italy	1,422	972
France	65,466	6,750	Ireland	1,800	-
West Germany	52,795	685,511	Costa Rica	-	212,096
Kuwait	36,000	20,400	Ceylon	-	420
Switzerland	-	7,372	Chile	65,924	43,130
Netherlands Antilles	582	1,408	Japan	480	-
Lebanon	12,000	-	Total Pounds	2,424,313	1,914,097
Saudi Arabia	2,527	38,763	Total Dollars	268,479	189,272
Thailand	-	720			
Liberia	600	-			
Malaysia	3,960	1,200			
Singapore	6,900	3,840			
Phillipines	2,640	-			
Hong Kong	14,184	-			
Japan	4,695	-			
Nansei Island	3,600	-			
Lybia	1,200	-			
Iran	23,321	1,242			
Italy	2,400	-			
Afghan	1,800	-			
Total Pounds	290,920	1,325,435			
Total Dollars	89,641	234,719			

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF HONEY FOR THE UNITED STATES, BY CUSTOM DISTRICTS

In Pounds for May and June, 1969 in Pounds

Exports of Honey From the United States by			Imports of Honey Into the United States by		
Custom Districts	May	June	Custom Districts	May	June
Buffalo	-	49,908	Massachusetts	2,400	-
New York	5,400	-	New York	1,483,120	536,230
Philadelphia	2,400	22,400	Maryland	7,505	-
Maryland	-	2,040	Virginia	130,764	263,836
Florida	31,386	53,951	Florida	218,454	-
Mobile	-	813,028	New Orleans	171,043	543,258
New Orleans	20,700	-	Laredo	46,500	-
Los Angeles	45,269	54,232	El Paso	-	33,275
San Francisco	40,884	29,520	San Diego	21,078	38,644
Washington	2,400	264,804	Arizona	-	20,502
Wisconsin	40,920	-	Los Angeles	104,809	212,096
Michigan	63,500	-	San Francisco	-	62,989
Puerto Rico	17,046	-	Washington	1,710	-
Miami	15,867	13,547	Montana and Idaho	31,200	-
Houston	5,148	22,005	Dakota	201,530	-
Total Pounds	290,920	1,325,435	Wisconsin	-	86,224
			Michigan	4,200	5,160
			Chicago	-	1,323
			Houston	-	110,560
			Total Pounds	2,424,313	1,914,097

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

For May and June, 1969 in Pounds

Countries	May	Countries	May	Countries	June	Countries	June
Canada	27,330	Chile	100,439	Canada	12,435	Chile	114,946
Dominican Republic	37,700	Brazil	99,341	Dominican Republic	55,025	Brazil	94,666
Angola	53,114	Ethiopia	131,674	France	11,023	Peru	6,515
Mexico	57,658	Spain	11,113	Mexico	124,166	Ethiopia	22,091
Salvador	3,085	Total Pounds	527,662	Salvador	16,250	Total Pounds	473,626
Haiti	6,208	Total Dollars	397,758	Haiti	16,509	Total Dollars	359,811



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With seasonal cooler weather trends over most of the country some slight increase in local retail sales was noted following more or less the usual fall movement pattern.

Colonies generally were in excellent condition with adequate winter stores and well filled brood chambers. Fairly good flows of fine quality honey were reported from most areas. Prolonged dry weather conditions in some areas of the intermountain states, Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota and Michigan and some few reports of heavy use of pesticides were serious problems to some beekeepers. Honey plants in most areas were approaching dormancy but some late rains in otherwise dry areas were producing some much needed honey and pollen sources.

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HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING SEPTEMBER

These prices represent sales as reported by correspondent beekeepers and honey handlers. Because of the many thousands of beekeepers and handlers in the country, these should be considered as representative prices and not as full complete coverage of all transactions for any State or area.

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS:
		: OF SALE 2/ :			: OF SALE 2/ :
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA					
White Sage (new cans)		14¢ del.	OREGON		
White Sage		13½¢ del.		Light Amber Alfalfa and Clover	13-14¢ del.
Low White Sage (Container Furnished)		12¢ del.		White Clover	14½¢ del.
Extra Light Amber-White Sage-			Imperial Valley		
Buckwheat		13¢ del.	Alfalfa (Light Amber)		12¢ f.o.b.
White to Extra White Sage (new cans)		14¢ del.	COLORADO		
Extra White Blue Curl (new cans)		13¢ del.	Light Amber Alfalfa Mixed		13¢ del.
(Early sale-new cans)		13¢ del.	TEXAS		
(late sale-new cans)		12¢ del.	White Orange		15¢ del.
Extra Light Amber Buckwheat		13½¢ del.	Light Cotton		16¢ del.
Light Amber Buckwheat		13¢ del.	ARKANSAS		
Light Amber-Extra Light Amber			Light Amber to White Vetch Clover-		
(new cans)		12¢ del.	Soybean		15-18¢ del.
Light Amber Alfalfa Buckwheat		12-12½¢ del.	SOUTH DAKOTA		
Extra Light Amber Alfalfa		12½¢ del.	Water White to White Sweet Clover		
Light Amber Alfalfa (some new cans)		12-12¢ del.	and Alfalfa		16-16½¢ del.
Light Amber Alfalfa (cans Exchanged)		10½¢ del.	KANSAS		
Light Amber Lima Bean		10½¢ del.	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa-Clover		15½¢ f.o.b.
Light Amber Mixed Flower (new cans)		11½¢ del.	MICHIGAN		
Light Amber Mixed Flower-Pasture Hay			Clover		13¢ del.
(new cans)		11¢ del.	WISCONSIN		
Light Amber Sage-Buckwheat (small lot-			White Clover		14-14½¢ del.
export in drums)		15¢ f.o.b.	Water White Sweet Clover & Dutch		
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA					
Extra White Orange		14¢ del.	White Clover		14½¢ del.
White Orange		13½¢ del.	ILLINOIS		
White Sage-Buckwheat		13-13½¢ del.	White Clover		21¢ del.
Extra Light Amber Sage Buckwheat		12½¢ del.	OHIO		
Extra Light Amber Alfalfa (cont.			Light Clover		15¢ del.
exchanged)		12½¢ del.			
Light Amber Alfalfa		12¢ del.			
Extra Light Amber Sage Buckwheat					
(Small lot		12¢ del.			

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PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
EXTRACTED HONEY 60-lb. CANS PER LB.				
OREG.	White Vetch	-	-	20¢
	White Clover	20¢	-	-
	Water White Fireweed	-	-	20¢
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	17½¢	20¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	19¢	21¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	-	20½¢
	Alfalfa Clover Mixed	-	-	18¢
WYOM.	White Clover Alfalfa	-	-	20¢
TEXAS	White Orange	-	-	20¢
	White Clover and Cotton	-	-	21¢
	Light Cotton	16¢	-	-
ARK.	Light Amber-White Vetch Clover-Soybean	-	-	20¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	19¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	16¢	20¢	20¢
WISC.	White Clover	20½¢	-	18¢
	Clover-Alfalfa	13-14¢	-	-
MINN.	White Clover	-	-	18¢
ILL.	Light Clover	-	-	16¢
OHIO	Light Clover	15¢	22¢	-
N.Y.	Dark Goldenrod	-	-	20¢
MASS.	Clover, Goldenrod, etc.	-	-	25¢
N.J.	Amber Tulip Poplar	-	16¢	-
FLA.	Light Tupelo	-	-	24¢
EXTRACTED HONEY 5-LB. JARS PER LB.				
OREG.	White Vetch	-	-	30¢
	White Clover	23¢	-	-
	Water White Fireweed	-	-	30¢
	Extra White Alfalfa And Clover	-	23¢	27¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	23¢	28¢
IDAHO	White Alfalfa and Clover	21¢	22¢	30¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	24½¢	29¢
	Alfalfa Clover Mixed	-	-	27¢
WYO.	White Clover-Alfalfa	-	-	21¢
TEXAS	White Clover and Cotton	-	-	30¢
	Light Cotton	24¢	-	29¢
	Light Amber-White Vetch Clover-Soybean	-	25¢	30¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	23¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	22¢	25¢	28¢
MICH.	Clover	-	-	23¢
WISC.	White Clover	21¢	21-23¢	-
ILL.	White Clover	23½¢	-	-
	Light Clover	-	20¢	25¢
OHIO	Light Clover	24¢	-	-
N.Y.	Dark Goldenrod	-	-	30¢
MASS.	Clover, Goldenrod, etc.	-	-	32¢
FLA.	Light Tupelo	-	-	40¢
EXTRACTED HONEY, 12, 2-lb. JARS		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
OREG.	White Vetch	-	-	60¢
	White Clover	7.32	-	-
	Water White Fireweed	-	-	60¢
	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.20	79-83¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	6.96	75¢
IDAHO	White Alfalfa and Clover	6.72	7.12	66 2/3¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	7.05	73¢
TEXAS	White Orange	-	7.00	70¢
	Light Cotton	-	-	29¢
ARK.	Light Amber to White Vetch Clover Soybean	-	7.80	80¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.25	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	-	7.30	75¢
MINN.	White Clover	-	7.54	-
	Extra White Clover Alfalfa	-	6.95	70¢
ILL.	Light Clover	-	6.10	-

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY, 12, 2-lb. JARS</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OHIO	White Sweet Clover	-	6.90	-
	Light Clover	6.95	-	-
N.Y.	Dark Goldenrod	-	7.18	79¢
MASS.	Clover, Goldenrod, etc.	-	-	90¢
FLA.	Light Tupelo	-	-	83¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Flowers	7.20	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-lb. JARS</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OREG.	White Clover	8.24	-	-
	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.92	43¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	7.40	41¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	-	7.55	42¢
TEXAS	White Orange	-	7.50	40¢
ARK.	Light Amber-White Vetch Clover-Soybean	-	8.40	50¢
OKLA.	Light Sweet Clover	-	6.25	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	-	7.50	40¢
MINN.	White Clover	-	7.44	-
	Extra White Clover Alfalfa	-	7.35	43¢
ILL.	White Clover	7.10	-	-
	Light Clover	-	7.25	-
OHIO	White Sweet Clover	-	7.20	-
	Light Clover	7.00	-	-
N.Y.	Dark Goldenrod	-	7.25	45¢
MASS.	Clover, Goldenrod, etc.	-	-	40¢
FLA.	Light Tupelo	-	-	43 1/3¢
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Flowers	7.40	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8-oz. JARS</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OREG.	White Clover	5.00	-	-
	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	5.04	29¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover	-	4.20	24¢
TEXAS	White Orange	-	4.50	25¢
	Light Cotton	4.56	-	33 1/3¢
ARK.	Light Amber to White Vetch Clover Soybean	-	6.00	30¢
WISC.	White Clover	4.50	-	-
ILL.	White Clover	4.20	-	-
OHIO	White Sweet Clover	-	4.20	-
N.Y.	Dark Goldenrod	-	4.52	25¢
MASS.	Clover, Goldenrod, etc.	-	-	4.80
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Flowers	4.30	-	-
<u>SECTION COMB 24s Unless Otherwise Stated</u>				
OREG.	White Clover 24, 10-oz.	9.76	-	-
	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover 12-oz.	-	10.00	59¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 12, 11-oz.	-	5.52	59¢
IDAHO	White Alfalfa and Clover 12-oz.	-	10.80	70¢
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa 12-oz.	-	10.50	57¢
	Alfalfa Clover Mixed 12-oz.	-	-	50¢
ARK.	Light Amber to White Vetch Clover- Soybean 24, 14-oz.	-	9.60	50¢
WISC.	White Clover 16-oz.	-	6.00-9.60	50¢
ILL.	Light Clover 12-oz.	-	-	39¢
	White Sweet Clover	12.00	-	-
	Light Clover 14-oz.	10.00	-	-
N.Y.	Dark Goldenrod 12-oz.	-	12.00	69¢
<u>BULK COMB CHUNK PACK</u>				
TEXAS	Light Cotton 1-lb.	-	-	59¢
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.85	-	-
OHIO	White Sweet Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	9.60	-
	Light Clover 24, 1-lb.	8.75	-	-
MASS.	Clover, Goldenrod, etc. 12, 1-lb. & 2½-lb.	-	-	60¢-1.25

PRODUCER PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered):(Generally Delivered):(Local Sales)		
<u>CREAMED HONEY</u>				
COLO.	White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	7.60	43¢
IDAHO	White Alfalfa and Clover 12, 1-lb.	4.80	5.04	-
MONT.	White Sweet Clover Alfalfa 12, 16-oz.	-	4.15	43¢
ARK.	Light Amber-White Vetch Clover Soybean 16-oz.	-	6.24	50¢
WISC.	White Clover 12, 1-lb.	3.80	-	-
MINN.	White Clover 14-oz.	-	7.44	-
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.00	-	-
OHIO	White Sweet Clover 12, 1-lb.	-	3.80	-
	Light Clover 24, 1-lb.	6.95	-	-
MASS.	Clover, Goldenrod, etc. 1-lb.	-	-	60¢

PRODUCER' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN DRUMS PER POUND

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>		PRICES & BASIS: OF SALE 2/	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>		PRICES & BASIS: OF SALE 2/
OREGON			NEBRASKA		
	Light Amber Alfalfa and Clover	13-14¢ del.		Extra White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	
	White Vetch	14¢ del.		(Container Exchanged)	15½¢ f.o.b.
	White Clover	14½¢ del.		Extra White Clover Alfalfa	15½¢ f.o.b.
	Water White Fireweed	14¢ del.		(Container Returned)	
MONTANA			WISCONSIN		
	White Clover & Alfalfa	14¢ f.o.b.		White Clover (Container Returned)	14½¢ del.
WYOMING			MINNESOTA		
	White Clover Alfalfa	13 3/4¢ f.o.b.		White Clover	16½¢ f.o.b.
TEXAS				Clover-Basswood	15½¢ del.
	Light Cotton	15½¢ del.	ILLINOIS		
ARKANSAS				White Clover	18¢ del.
	Light Amber To White Vetch Cloverly		OHIO		
	Soybean	14-15¢ del.		White Sweet Clover	15¢ del.
NORTH DAKOTA			FLORIDA		
	Water White Sweet Clover Alfalfa	15¢ f.o.b.		Light Tupelo	27¢ del.
	(Container Exchanged)			Light Amber Palmetto	13¢ del.
SOUTH DAKOTA					
	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	16¢ f.o.b.			

SALES OF BEESWAX PER POUND

STATE AND COLOR		PRICES & BASIS: OF SALE 2/	STATE AND COLOR		PRICES & BASIS: OF SALE 2/
CALIFORNIA			SOUTH DAKOTA		
	Light	67-70¢ del.		Lemon Yellow	70¢ del.
	Dark	63-64¢ del.	NEBRASKA		
OREGON				Dark Yellow	65¢ del.
	Yellow	62¢ del.		Light Lemon	72¢ f.o.b.
IDAHO			WISCONSIN		
	Light	65¢ del.		Light	63-68¢ del.
MONTANA			MINNESOTA		
	Yellow	68-75¢ f.o.b.		Light Yellow	69¢ f.o.b.
ARIZONA				Light	68¢ del.
	Light	55¢ f.o.b.		OHIO Light	73¢ del.
TEXAS			MASSACHUSETTS		
	Yellow	70¢ del.		Medium to Light	55¢ del.
	Light	67-68¢ f.o.b.	NEW YORK		
	Country Run	70¢ del.		Dark	80¢ del.
ARKANSAS			VIRGINIA		
	Light Yellow	70¢ del.		Light	68¢ del.
NORTH DAKOTA				Dark	65¢ del.
	Lemon Yellow	68¢ del.	KENTUCKY		
IOWA				Dark	65¢ del.
	Dark	62¢ del.		Yellow	68¢ del.
	Light	65¢ del.	FLORIDA		
				Light Yellow	70¢ del.

1/ State or origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term "clover" includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping point; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF AUGUST 31, 1969

1969 Crop

ITEM	: Number : of : Loans Made	: Quantity Put : Under Loans	: Loan Quantity : Repaid	Pounds		: Quantity : Outstanding
				Loans Del. and	Purch.	
				Quantity		
Alabama	7	153,240	21,348	-	-	131,892
Arkansas	3	116,100	-	-	-	116,100
Arizona	25	625,522	-	-	-	625,522
California	39	1,490,922	3,402	-	-	1,487,520
Florida	65	1,670,418	68,100	-	-	1,602,318
Georgia	18	256,074	1,800	-	-	254,274
Idaho	6	433,134	-	-	-	433,134
Kansas	4	150,282	-	-	-	150,282
Louisiana	1	4,050	-	-	-	4,050
Michigan	1	29,250	-	-	-	29,250
Minnesota	6	202,158	-	-	-	202,158
Montana	2	60,480	-	-	-	60,480
Nebraska	26	752,733	-	-	-	752,733
New Mexico	2	33,858	-	-	-	33,858
New York	1	11,520	-	-	-	11,520
North Carolina	2	22,500	-	-	-	22,500
North Dakota	2	90,639	-	-	-	90,639
Oklahoma	1	27,324	-	-	-	27,324
Oregon	1	17,496	-	-	-	17,496
South Dakota	21	952,630	8,910	-	-	943,720
Texas	29	393,444	31,380	-	-	362,064
Virginia	1	17,280	-	-	-	17,280
Utah	2	23,112	-	-	-	23,112
Washington	3	141,966	-	-	-	141,966
Wisconsin	2	58,815	-	-	-	58,815
Totals	270	7,734,947	134,940	0	-	7,600,007

Comparative Totals as of August 31

1968 Crop	271	8,420,506	409,387	5,346	8,005,773
1967 Crop	281	7,727,104	253,188	-	7,473,916
1966 Crop	252	8,780,862	188,042	-	8,592,820
1965 Crop	257	6,514,796	85,563	-	6,429,233

Source: Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packagers, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for markets where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days (10). Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of September. Sixty pound cans are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated. Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand slow. Market dull. Arrivals 254,304 pounds domestic. White Clover. Brokers sales to wholesalers, chains and retailers.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.42-4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50
		Few Best Marks	7.50-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.35
		Promotional Discount	3.85
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.65-4.35
		1 Mark	4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35
CREAMED			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
		Promotional Discount	2.90
12,	12-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.50

CHICAGO: Demand moderate. Market steady. Brokers and packers sales to wholesalers and other users.

EXTRACTED:

60-lb.	Cans	White Clover 16½¢	Light Amber 15½¢
Nebraska and Minnesota	55 & 60-lb.	Drums	
White Clover & Light Mixed	21¢.		

CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady.

Arrivals 72,562 pounds. Brokers' sales to wholesalers and large retailers 16-lb. tins 18¢ Light Amber 16¢.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.45-7.30
		Plastic Cream Honey	
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	4.55
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.30
		Plastic Squeeze	
12,	1-lb.	Honey With Comb	4.95
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
6,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.75
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Supplies liberal. Market steady.

Brokers sales to retailers, Colo., Nebraska-New Mexico 60-lb. Tins Light Amber 17¢ Quality White 20¢

EXTRACTED

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand good. Market about steady.

Arrivals 95,859 pounds domestic. Brokers and packers sales to retailers and wholesalers of Mixed Flowers mostly White Clover-

EXTRACTED:

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.45
6,	3½-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.20
12,	3-lb.	Jars	8.15-8.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.10-6.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.30
		Few	6.90
24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.85-4.00
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.35
12,	16-oz.	Comb Few	4.55

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer whole-sale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or Better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	
		Bottles	4.20-4.35

Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

CREAMED: White Orange-Clover, According to Quality--

12,	1-lb.	Bowls	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Cups or Jars	2.70

CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb): Clover-Sage

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75

SECTION COMB: White Clover

12,	9-oz.	Sections	6.50
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VARIOUS BLENDS: Mostly light Amber Alfalfa mixture; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users 60-lb. cans and drums

(Containers returned) 15½-16¢

MINEAPOLIS: Demand good. Market steady. Producer

sales to brokers delivered Minneapolis by truck in 60-lb. tins. Minnesota White Sweet Clover 250, 60-lb. and 70, 55 gallon drums at 13½-14¢ Mostly 14¢ with container exchanged. Light Amber Mixed Flowers 30, 55-gallon drums at 12½¢ with container exchanged.

Beeswax 550 pounds cash 48¢ trade 50¢

Sales to jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy--

MINNEAPOLIS: (Continued)

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Jar	3.35
12,	1½-lb.	Plastic Jar	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.55
6,	3-lb.	Plastic Jars	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.75
CREAMED HONEY			
6,	2-lb.	Cups Spread	4.15
24,	10-oz.	Cup Spread	3.00
CUT COMB--			
12,	1½-oz.	Packages =	5.35

NEW YORK: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals by boat in cases-- Germany 263, England 165; in drums-- Mexico 197, Argentina 230; in tanks-- Dominican Republic 14; in pails Mexico 300.

Importers and wholesalers sales to trade, bakers and large users.

MEXICO EX DOCK Tins 16½-17¢

Drums 650-lb. 15¢

ARGENTINA EX DOCK Drums 16¢

NEW YORK BUCKWHEAT 21-22¢

Light Amber 18¢

IOWA Blended Clover 20¢

Light Amber Baker 18¢

OHIO Buckwheat 18½¢ Light Amber 18½¢

White Clover 19½¢

Processed package and bakers sales to wholesalers and retailers 1 mark White Clover

Jar Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jar	4.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jar	3.50
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	1-lb.	Plastic	4.35
Light Amber			
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.50-7.55
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.75
4,	5-lb.	Tins	5.15
12,	2-lb.	Jar	7.05-7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jar	4.15-4.70
24,	5-oz.	Jar	3.40
24,	1-lb.	Jar	7.15-7.35
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05
Plastic Container-- 31-lb.			
			7.70

BEESWAX: Arrivals by boat in bags-- Brazil 467,

Dominican Republic 6,138, Mexico 520, East

Africa 150; in blocks-- Ethiopia 96, Mexico 45;

in packages-- Eritrea 90, Ethiopia 177.

Demand slow. Market quiet. EX Dock number per

pound Actual sales. Offerings to dealers, refiners and importers.

AFRICA	75-82¢
CHILE	78-86¢
MEXICO	78-86¢
SANTA DOMINGO	74-80¢
HAITI	74-80¢
BRAZIL	80-87¢
VENEZUELA	82-84¢

PHILADELPHIA: Demand fair. Market steady. Arrivals by rail and truck domestic 57,800 pounds. Sales by repackers to retailers. Chains, bakers and other large users.

PHILADELPHIA: (Continued)

EXTRACTED: Domestic drums and 60-lb. Tins per			
pound White Clover Extra Light 18½¢ Amber 17½¢.			
6,	2-lb.	Jars	3.15-3.25
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.80-4.90
6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.85-6.90
6,	8-3/4-lb.	Tins	11.00-11.10
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.30-2.40
12,	16-oz.	Jars	3.30-3.40
12,	2-lb.	Jars	9.05-9.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.10-4.20
24,	16-oz.	Jars	6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals by truck mostly Midwestern 61,409 pounds.

Brokers' sales to large wholesalers and large retailers' outlets.

Clover and light amber

EXTRACTED:

6,	2-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars	5.00

CREAMED

24,	8-oz.	Jars	5.00
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.55

PORTLAND: Market about steady. Supplies

adequate. Demand good. Sales to wholesalers and chains and large buyers.

60-lb.	Tins	16.50
6, 5-lb.	Tins	6.30-6.75
6, 4-lb.	Tins	5.95
12, 8-oz.	Clover	2.70
12, 12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12, 16-oz.	Jars	4.65
12, 24-oz.	Fireweed	6.55
Idaho and Montana	Sage	
12 12-oz.		3.30
12, 1-lb.	Jar Creamed and	
Sage		4.25-4.65
12, 2-lb.	Creamed & Sage	6.50
12, 2½-lb.	Jars Fireweed	8.80
6, 3-lb.	Clover	5.00
6, 3-lb.	Sage	5.00
12, 1-lb.	Comb in Jar	5.75
Oregon Chile and	Fireweed	
12, 10-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.85
12, 12-oz.	Creamed Cup	3.70
24, 12-oz.	Creamed Cup	6.60
12, 12-oz.	Squeeze Bottle	4.35
12, 1-lb.	Spun Fireweed	3.90
12, 20-oz.	Spun Fireweed	4.95

SAN FRANCISCO: Market steady. Honey packer wholesale list prices, delivered California and nearby states. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or better Orange, Sage and Clover According to Quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.20-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.29

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

SAN FRANCISCO: (Continued)

Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--			
6,	5-lb.	Cans	5.94-6.76
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.25
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.21-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50-4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.67-4.68
CREAMED: White orange-clover, according to quality--			
12,	12-oz.+	Cups	3.69-3.97
24,	12-oz.	Jars (spun)	7.88
CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb): Clover Sage--			
12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.56-3.87
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.83-6.17
VARIOUS BLENDS: Mostly light amber alfalfa mixtures; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users			
60-lb. cans and drums (Containers returned)			
15-18¢			

SEATTLE: Demand fair to good. Market steady.

Sales to wholesalers and other large buyers of Clover and Alfalfa Light Amber or Better Unless Otherwise Stated--

EXTRACTED:			
12,	5-lb.	Tins	14.40
12,	4-lb.	Tins	10.90
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.00-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Tins	7.50-7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75-4.65
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.75
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-5.25
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.15-4.35
Fireweed			
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	8.00

SEATTLE: (Continued)

EXTRACTED: (Continued)

Orange and Sage--			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
Orange			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
Apple			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
CREAMED			
12,	20-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.65
12,	20-oz.	Plastic Cups	4.95
12,	1½-lb.	Jars (Spun)	6.25-6.75
12,	12-oz.	Bottles	3.25
24,	16-oz.	Cups Spun	8.20
24,	12-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
		Honey	6.60
12,	10-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
		Honey	3.25
24,	10-oz.	Cups	6.00-6.30
Comb Honey Clover U.S.One			
12,	12-oz.	Packages	5.75

ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market steady. Brokers' sales to bakers--

EXTRACTED: Per Pound Light Amber 17¢ White Clover 19¢ Wholesalers sales to chains and large retailers

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.25
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Creamed	4.55
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Glass	4.55
24,	11-oz.	Comb	9.00

CALIFORNIA POINTS:

Weather for All California Districts during the first half of September - Temperatures averages were much above normal in the interior of the State with positive departures mostly 2-5 degrees, but a large area in the southeast was 8 degrees above normal. Maximums reached 117 degrees in the desert valleys and 105 degrees in most of the central valley. An upper level disturbance on September 6-7 brought widely scattered precipitation, ranging from light to heavy in some local areas. Strong winds accompanied the rain, doing some crop damage. Moisture from the rainfall was expected to be beneficial to late honey plants.

Weather for All California Districts during the last half of September - Temperatures after midmonth were much cooler over most of California. Except on the immediate coast, average temperatures were 2-6 degrees below normal and down 10 degrees from earlier in the month. Light precipitation was reported in the northwest at various times during the period and occasionally on the south coast. Locally heavy showers occurred in the Imperial and Colorado River valleys.

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - Colony conditions were generally described as excellent throughout California. Honey and pollen supplies are good. Extracting of honey is not yet complete and the amount of honey for wintering left in hives will be up to beekeepers. Surplus honey is still available in most areas. Broodrearing is being stimulated by supplemental pollen feedings in order to avoid autumn collapse and to have high populations of young bees for wintering. Insecticide damage has been reported from cotton producing areas with some yards rather severely hit. However, damage generally has been less severe than in recent years.

Movement of colonies from pollination areas was nearing completion though a few were still being moved out of late seed and melon crops. Some colonies were being moved out of mountain areas in Southern California due to completion of the buckwheat flow and due to the high fire danger. Some colonies were being moved back into the State from Nevada. Also, some colonies were being moved to cedar locations for honey dew.

Bees were working star thistle, tarweed, blue curl, clover, gum weed, wire weed, alfalfa, fall spike weed, and various wild plants for nectar; oak and cedar for honey dew; and milo and most of the nectar secreting plants for pollen.

Honey plants were drying up toward the close of the month which was normal. However, some beekeepers reported the best fall flow in years was in progress with many yards blocked out with honey. Blue curl and tarweed continue to produce in many areas and buckwheat in a few cooler locations. This has been one of the better years for bluecurl. The weather has been right for a good nectar flow but many areas were overcrowded.

Beekeepers reported honey extracted during September to be of normal or better quality, lighter than usual in color, and generally of heavy body. Reported yields ranged 20 to 24 pounds on alfalfa and alfalfa-safflower locations; around 23 pounds on clover; 20 to 50 pounds on star thistle; 60 to 120 pounds on blue curl-tarweed; and up to 120 pounds on black sage.

The number of producing colonies in most areas was

CALIFORNIA POINTS (Continued)Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts (Continued)

The number of producing colonies in most areas was equal to or above the 5 year average.

Southern California - (First half of September)

Beekeeper offerings of alfalfa, buckwheat, and sage were fairly heavy from a plentiful crop. Movement to retailers and other commercial users for the months of July and August was normal to above normal for some. Export inquiries, sales, and shipments increased slightly. Recent reports indicate supplies from South America and Mexico will be much below normal.

Southern California - (Last half of September)

Reports indicate liberal offerings of alfalfa and good quantities of sage-buckwheat honey available. Orange is not reported to be offered in any large quantities. High interest rates are keeping the trade from buying some offerings of honey. Export trading is light to moderate, with reasons ranging from the value of the French franc to the revaluation of the west German mark, and also a lack of supplies.

Northern and Central California (First half of September) Beekeeper offerings continued heavy and included most colors and floral sources. Dealers reported a shortage of warehouse space and were restricting purchases. However, the total volume traded during the period was heavy. A lot of honey still remains in grower hands and some beekeepers are being encouraged to place this honey under government loan. A good flow was reported from blue curl and some yards were still receiving a flow. Export trading was fairly active.

Northern and Central California (Last half of September)

Beekeeper offerings continued liberal. However, not all offerings sold as handler inventories were heavy. Blue curl has produced heavily and some beekeepers are still reporting a flow. Demand from retail outlets was good but demand from bakeries and other commercial users slackened. Export interest continues and some sales were reported.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES

Oregon - Local retail market sales good. Most extracting was completed on the new crop. Colonies were in good condition with excellent stores in most cases for the winter. Some flow still occurring from late summer and fall honey plants mainly fireweed, some sweet clover and alfalfa. Most honey plants were about finished blooming for the season. Fall rains were starting. Adequate moisture reported in most areas.

Washington - No market conditions were reported. Most beekeepers had finished extracting while others were expected to finish up in about a week or 10 days. Generally honey and nectar yields had been below average and in some areas had been reported as much as 50 percent or more below normal. Bees were expected to go into the winter in fairly good to excellent condition where the effects of insecticide spray had been at a minimum. Temperatures were mostly mild during the day with cool nights and little precipitation. The later part of the month.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES

Colorado - Demand was reported better than normal for both section comb and local raw honey. Colonies were heavy with better than average honey flow and adequate pollen stores. The bees were still bringing in pollen and some nectar due to the late summer weather. The late flow appeared better than normal due to the extended summer weather that enabled the bees to forage over a wider than normal area. Moisture was adequate with honey plants normal for this time of the year.

Idaho - Market conditions were reported good. Colony conditions were good with adequate stores and supplies forecast for the winter. The crop averaged 180-300 pounds per colony due to extended warm sunshine and good weather since March, making this the best crop year in the upper Snake River Valley since 1926. Moisture was adequate with plenty late blooming fall honey plants for the bees to forage on before winter arrived.

Montana - The local market activity was good to fair. This years crop was an excellent one with good light color. Bees were entering the fall with excellent populations and in good condition for the winter with more than adequate stores of honey and pollen. Honey plants were drying up rapidly due to the exceptionally dry summer and because little moisture was available. Fall bloom was somewhat curtailed. Some rain late in the month relieved that situation somewhat.

Utah - Demand and local retail sales mostly were reported as good to excellent with some minor reports of no inquiries or sales to date. Most colonies were reported in good to excellent condition with adequate stores and supplies for the coming winter. However, some colonies were reported in need of feeding because of the lack of population and vigor due to the long hot dry weather during most of July and August and part of September. Beekeepers in these areas were expecting disease problems where disease had been a factor in other years. Honey plants had just about finished producing due to the increasingly dry weather and lack of adequate soil moisture, although this condition is about normal for this time of the year.

Wyoming - Local market conditions were reported as slow to fair. Colonies were in generally good condition but some required feeding because of inadequate flower nectar due to the lack of moisture. Others reported colonies in excellent condition with ample winter stores and some were reported storing more than the usual amounts in the brood chambers. Clover seed germination last spring was reported poor because of the drought. The dry weather was continuing and soil moisture was believed to be very low. Moisture was badly needed to put Clover plants in good condition to survive the winter.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES

Arizona - No market conditions reported. Colony conditions varied considerably over most of the State with practically no nectar flow since mid-August. Many bees were reported killed by pesticides used on cotton. A conservative guess by one beekeeper, was that approximately half of the bees in the Salt River Valley and in the Cotton farming areas in Central Arizona had been killed. The remaining colonies were naturally weak although it

SOUTHWESTERN STATES: (Continued)

Arizona: (Continued) was possible that they might get some honey supplies from now on providing the spray program was suspended. The abnormally long hot summer also may have been a contributing factor towards weakening the colonies. Earlier flows from mesquite, citrus and alfalfa were reported good. Moisture was badly needed to strengthen the remaining honey plants.

Arkansas - No market conditions were reported. The fall flow was cut short by the extremely dry weather with little or no nectar from Spanish nettle. Colony conditions generally were reported as good with adequate stores of honey and pollen. Honey plants were failing rapidly due to the general lack of moisture, although this condition generally is typical for this time of the year.

Oklahoma - Local sales and honey demand were good. Colonies were reported in good condition and generally were considered stronger than normal at this time of the year. Bees were gathering pollen and nectar from sunflowers and goldenrod. Moisture was reported adequate with honey plants and bees doing very well as rainfall had been ample.

Texas - Local demand and sales were reported mostly good with no appreciable change in the market in spite of the arrival of new honey crop on the local retail shelves. Some retail stores were reported to have increased prices with some decline in movement but this was expected to be rectified when colder weather arrived. Most colonies were in extra good condition though some were reported as not being up to standard in population. Brood-rearing had been at a low stage most of the summer due to the extremely dry weather when no honey or pollen were available. Occasional areas reported some damage to bees by insecticides while others reported little or no damage, possibly because the very dry weather held insect activity to a minimum and many crops were not worth the cost of spraying. Some areas reported excessive rains while others reported continuation of the drought. Broomweed was yielding quite a bit of pollen and asters were beginning to bloom but both needed rain to provide a good flow. Horsemint yielded fairly well but not as much as in 1968. However, the overall, honey crop appeared good in Texas.

PLAINS STATES

Iowa - Market conditions reported ranged from excellent retail sales to an inactive market in some areas. However, interest in bulk honey appeared to be very good with some prices showing increases over last season. Mostly colonies were reported in good condition except in some drought areas where fall broodrearing had used up considerable amounts of winter stores. However, most colonies were reported to have ample honey supply for winter. Occasional reports indicated that some colonies were weakened from the use of insecticides on crops. Honey plants were still in bloom although the extended dry weather conditions generally shortened honey plant bloom. A good rain would be necessary for the proper starting of next years honey plant seedlings.

PLAINS STATES (Continued)

Kansas - Retail sales as well as movement of jobbers was reported about average for this time of the year. Colony strength was reported good but little winter stores had been gathered because of the cool wet weather for the past 3 weeks. Occasional queenless colonies were noted with side by side colonies having a wide variation in honey production. Sunflowers, some alfalfa and wildflowers were in full bloom. Smartweed was near the mature stage with only occasional bloom left. Moisture conditions were considered normal.

Nebraska - Market conditions were reported ranging from very little demand to rapid movement for some very large lots and some other beekeepers were holding to see what the market would do. The crop was reported to be very spotty and on the whole below average. Nearly all colonies were in fairly good condition as the fall honey flow continued. Bees generally were going into winter in excellent condition. Moisture varied somewhat over the State with shortages in some areas and excesses in others. Moisture in the eastern section of Nebraska was good and plants reflected this condition and were producing some nectar on warm days. Goldenrod was very good in some areas, although not as much bloom as was expected earlier.

CENTRAL STATES

Illinois - Beekeepers reported that retail sales were improving and that the new crop honey was of fine quality and demand was very strong for raw honey of the unheated and unfiltered types. Colonies were reported to be very strong with abundant food for winter as the fall flow was excellent. Some beekeepers were still extracting and some colonies were reported to have had yields of 125-200 pounds per hive. Moisture conditions appeared to be about half of normal with plenty of new clover seedling fields for next spring.

Michigan - Local retail trade demand was reported to be fairly active. Colonies were in good condition and heavy with pollen and honey stores in preparation for the winter months. Honey plants were almost completely dormant and most extracting had been completed with only about one half of a normal crop. Colonies had made some fair gains on third cuttings of alfalfa, goldenrod and asters through most of September. Moisture was still on the light side with only occasional showers to help prolong some of the honey plant bloom.

Minnesota - Demand at retail levels was reported good with some beekeepers indicating that demand was better than a year ago at this time. Demand for comb honey also was fairly brisk. Colonies were strong partly due to a fairly warm September and a generally strong fall flow. Soil moisture ranged from very dry to just fair in some instances. Rain would help as moisture would be beneficial for new honey plant seedlings before winter finally sets in.

Ohio - Demand for all sizes of containers including bulk honey was reported to be good even though prices were slightly higher than at the same time a year ago. Colonies were reported strong with excellent population and more than average stores and supplies for the coming winter. Moisture conditions were reported excellent with adequate fall honey plants including goldenrod, heartrose and asters.

CENTRAL STATES: (Continued)

Wisconsin - Most local retail sales and demand were reported brisk with an occasional area reporting slow sales. Colony conditions were reported excellent with bees busy with a light clover flow. Broods were plentiful with adequate winter stores.

Honey plant and soil moisture conditions were described as good although some areas reported light rainfall since July. The Central section of the State reported some excess flow of approximately 200 pounds per colony with other areas reporting nearer to 100 pounds per colony with some of the best color in years.

NORTHEASTERN STATES

Connecticut - Demand for honey was reported to be very good with county fairs throughout the State helping to boost retail sales. Colony conditions were reported good with bees collecting nectar from goldenrod and asters. Stores were adequate and good brood reported. Honey plant and soil moisture were very good as weather throughout the State had been excellent for bee activity.

Massachusetts - Market conditions were reported good. Colony conditions were excellent with plenty of brood and more than adequate winter stores. Honey plants were about dormant with occasional light frost at night and pleasant balmy New England Indian summer weather during the day. Soil moisture was reported to be very high.

New Jersey - Local honey sales were improving partly due to cooler weather. A fall flow had not yet materialized and where summer flow honey was removed from the hives bees were not in the most favorable condition for wintering. Nectar had been fairly adequate yet asters and goldenrod were not yielding as in other years until near the end of September.

New York - Locally honey was reported to be selling very good although the crop was described by some beekeepers as being very spotty. Some yards were having an excellent yield with others very light. The honey crop had excellent color and fine flavor. Most colonies appeared to be in good condition and adequately supplied with winter stores and pollen after an excellent late goldenrod flow. The weather had been very warm and dry with some areas suffering from a drought that would seriously affect some honey plants next season. Statewide steady rains were needed to bring up soil moisture and help honey plants.

Pennsylvania - Market conditions were reported good for most of the State with some slight variations. Cooler weather was bringing a little increase in local retail sales but generally were about average for this time of the year. Bees were reported in good condition and still flying almost every day. Honey plants appeared in good condition with rainfall a little short but soil moisture generally adequate. Goldenrod was producing a fairly good late honey flow.



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COLONY, HONEY PLANT AND MARKET CONDITIONS DURING SEPTEMBER

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

South Carolina - The market was reported about steady for this time of the year. Colony conditions were good and improving steadily with a fairly large fall honey flow. Goldenrod was in full bloom. Soil moisture was excellent.

Kentucky - The local honey market was reported steady to strong on both extracted and comb honey. Prices were reported to be up approximately 10 percent from last year. Colonies were in excellent condition with enough flow from aster nectar for winter stores and possibly a small surplus flow. Moisture conditions were reported as ideal. Honey plants, mainly asters and goldenrod were in fine condition.

Tennessee - Market conditions were reported good to excellent with an occasional beekeeper reporting slow movement. The weather had been very dry and rain was badly needed. Goldenrod was in bloom and fall aster plants were just about ready to bloom. Bees were reported in fairly good condition and working on goldenrod and asters and some bitterweed.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES

Florida - Most beekeepers reported the local market firm to good with some areas a little light on honey supplies. Colonies were mostly in fair condition with adequate stores for the winter. Moisture was abundant in most areas with some excess rain hampering the daily flights of the bees.

Georgia - Honey packers in the area were not overstocked. Very little spring honey was left in the beekeepers' hands. Prices remained unchanged. Most Georgia bees had been moved to Florida for partridge pea which was in excellent condition for bees and honey. Most bees left in the yards in the gallberry section of South Georgia were in good condition for wintering. Most colonies that moved to the farm areas have plenty of bees but were still short of winter stores and will require additional feeding before spring. Farming areas where insecticides were used reported some loss of bees, this was especially true in soybean fields. Rainfall although beneficial was still short of needs.

Louisiana - Beekeepers reported that the market was slightly improved since their last report. Bees were making a living and were not consuming stores as had been the case in recent years, so winter stores appeared to be adequate for the coming winter. Bee population was reported about normal. Weather had been very dry and most beekeepers had a "wait and see attitude" about how this would affect the late fall flower bloom.

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All areas reported a generally good demand for honey at the local level. Offerings were liberal to moderate with an occasional scattered area with light supplies because of the past seasons drought conditions.

Honey flow varied over the country but most areas reported an average to above average crop.

In most areas colonies were going into the winter period in good condition, heavy with population and an adequate food supply. A few scattered areas in Arizona and the Intermountain sections reported weak colonies or colonies damaged by insecticide spray. It was expected that these colonies would need winter feeding.

With plentiful fall rains honey plants in most areas were going into dormancy with generally adequate soil moisture and good prospects for next springs vegetation.

HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING OCTOBER

These prices represent sales as reported by correspondent beekeepers and honey handlers. Because of the many thousands of beekeepers and handlers in the country, these should be considered as representative prices and not as full complete coverage of all transactions for any State or area.

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS:
		: OF SALE 2/ :			: OF SALE 2/ :
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA.			OKLAHOMA		
White to Extra White Sage (new cans)		14¢ del.	Light Amber Clover		14¢ f.o.b.
White Sage (cans returned)		13½¢ del.	SOUTH DAKOTA		
Extra light Amber Sage (new cans)		13¢ del.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa		16¢ f.o.b.
Light Amber Mixed Flower (new cans)		11½¢ del.	KANSAS		
Light Amber Mixed Flowers (cans returned)		10½¢ del.	Extra White Amber Sweet Clover-Alfalfa		16½¢ del.
Amber Mixed Flowers (small lot - cans returned)		10¢ del.	MICHIGAN		
Extra White Blue Curl (new cans)		12¢ del.	Light Amber Clover		13¢ del.
Good Light Amber Alfalfa (new cans)		12¢ del.	Clover		13¢ f.o.b.
Light Amber Poor Alfalfa		11¢ del.	WISCONSIN		
Light Amber Alfalfa-Bean		11½¢ del.	White Alfalfa		14½¢ del.
Extra White Orange (small lot-used cans)		14¢ del.	Water White Clover		14¢ f.o.b.
Extra Light Amber to White Orange (small lot) (new cans)		13½¢ del.	White Clover (Returned - exchanged)		14½¢
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA			White to Light Amber		15¢ del.
Light Amber to Extra light Amber Sage			Light Amber (Returned)		13½¢
Buckwheat		13-14¢ del.	ILLINOIS		
Light Amber Alfalfa		12-12½¢ del.	Light Clover		13½¢ del.
Light Amber Wild Flower (Cont. Exchanged)		11½¢ del.	OHIO		
Light Amber to Extra Light Amber Sage- Buckwheat		14¢ del.	Light Clover		15¢ del.
Extra Light Amber Alfalfa		13¢ del.	Dark Fall Flowers		12¢ del.
Light Amber Alfalfa		12¢ del.	White Sweet Clover		15¢ del.
OREGON			FLORIDA		
Extra White Alfalfa and Clover		14½¢ del.	Light Amber Mixed Wild Tupelo		17½¢ f.o.b.
IDAHO			LOUISIANA		
White Clover and Alfalfa		13½¢ del.	White Clover		13½-14¢ del.
			Dark Mixed		11½-12½¢ del.
			See Footnotes On Page 5		

PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
EXTRACTED HONEY 60-LB. CANS PER LB.				
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	17½¢	22¢
WASH.	Light Clover	-	-	20¢
MONT.	White Clover	-	-	20½¢
WYOM.	White Alfalfa and Clover	-	-	20¢
ARK.	Light Vetch Clover; Soybean-Cotton	-	-	20¢
OKLA.	Light Amber Clover	14¢	-	16¢
	Light Amber Clover and Alfalfa	-	19¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	15¢	16½¢	18½¢
NEBR.	Light Clover and Alfalfa	-	-	18 1/3¢
KANS.	White Sweet Clover	-	-	17½¢
WISC.	Water White Clover	-	-	18¢
	White Clover	20½¢	14¢	20¢
	White Light Amber	14½-15¢	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	20-24¢
IND.	White Clover	-	-	18¢
ILL.	Light Clover	-	-	18¢
	White Clover	21¢	-	-
OHIO	Light Clover	-	22¢	-
	Dark Fall Flowers	15¢	-	-
	White Sweet Clover	15¢	-	17¢
N.Y.	Medium Dark Mixed Spring Flower	-	-	-
	Goldenrod	-	-	20¢
MASS.	Light and Dark Mixed Honey	-	22¢	-
MD.	Light White Amber Locust-Basswood-Clover-Tulip	18¢	20¢	20-25¢
	Light Clover, Lima Beans	-	-	21¢
	Dark Tulip Poplar and Wildflowers	-	-	21¢
FLA.	Light Amber Tupelo	-	-	28¢
EXTRACTED HONEY 5-LB. JARS				
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	23¢	28¢
WASH.	Light Clover	-	25¢	27¢
MONT.	White Clover	-	24½¢	26¢
WYOM.	White Alfalfa and Clover	-	-	25¢
ARK.	Light Vetch Clover; Soybean-Cotton	20¢	-	-
OKLA.	Light Amber Clover and Alfalfa	-	23¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	20¢	22¢	28¢
NEBR.	Light Clover and Alfalfa	-	-	27¢
MICH.	Clover	-	-	23¢
WISC.	White Clover	24½¢	-	21-27¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	-	28-30¢
IND.	White Clover	-	-	28¢
ILL.	Light Clover	-	-	25¢
	White Clover	25½¢	-	-
OHIO	Light Clover	-	23¢	-
	White Sweet Clover	-	24¢	-
N.Y.	Amber- Dark Amber Mixed Flower	-	25¢	33¢
	Medium Dark Mixed Spring Flower-Goldenrod	-	-	30¢
MASS.	Light and Dark Mixed	-	37¢	45¢
PA.	Light Clover and Wild Flower	-	28¢	35¢
	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	29¢	37¢
MD.	Light Clover, Lima Beans	-	27 2/3¢	39¢
	Dark Tulip Poplar and Wildflowers	-	27 2/3¢	39¢
FLA.	Light Amber Tupelo	-	37¢	-
EXTRACTED HONEY 12, 2-LB. JARS				
		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.20	79-83¢
WASH.	Light Clover	-	7.50	-
MONT.	White Clover	-	7.10	-
ARK.	Light Vetch Clover; Soybean-Cotton	-	7.80	80¢
OKLA.	Light Amber Clover and Alfalfa	-	6.25	-

PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

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STATE :	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/ :	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		:(Generally Delivered):(Generally Delivered):(Local Sales)		
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY, 12, 2-lb. JARS (Continued)</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
SDAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	6.50	7.25	75¢
WISC.	White Clover	6.60	-	60¢
MINN.	Extra White or Better Clover	-	6.95	75¢
	White or Better Clover	-	7.65	79-85¢
IND.	White Clover	-	6.48	-
ILL.	Light Clover	-	6.05	-
OHIO	Light Clover	-	6.95	-
	White Sweet Clover	-	6.95	-
N.Y.	Amber to Dark Amber Mixed Flower	-	7.68	79¢
	Medium Dark Mixed Spring Flower	-	-	-
	Goldenrod	-	7.18	79¢
MASS.	Light and Dark Mixed	-	8.90	-
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	7.80	85¢
MD.	Light Clover, Lima Beans	-	7.95	-
	Dark Tulip Toplar and Wildflowers	-	7.95	-
FLA.	Light Amber Tupelo	9.00	9.35	95¢
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY, 24, 1-LB. JARS</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	6.92	43¢
MONT.	White Clover	-	7.60	-
ARK.	Light Vetch Clover; Soybean-Cotton	-	8.40	50¢
OKLA.	Light Amber Clover and Alfalfa	-	6.25	-
MICH.	Light Amber Clover	-	6.25	-
WISC.	Water White Clover	-	6.96	-
	White Clover	7.08	-	35¢
MINN.	Extra White or Better Clover	-	7.30	43¢
	White or Better Clover	-	7.85	44-49¢
IND.	White Clover	-	7.56	-
ILL.	Light Clover	-	6.70	-
	White Clover	7.10	-	-
OHIO	Light Clover	-	7.00	-
	White Sweet Clover	-	7.20	-
N.Y.	Amber to Dark Amber Mixed Flower	-	7.68	40¢
	Medium Dark Mixed Spring Flower	-	-	-
	Goldenrod	-	7.25	45¢
MASS.	Light and Dark Mixed	-	9.00	-
PA.	Amber Clover and Wild Flower	-	7.20	45¢
	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	8.40	45¢
MD.	Light Amber Locust-Basswood-Clover-Tulip	-	9.60	50¢
	Light Clover, Lima Beans	-	8.30	-
	Dark Tulip Poplar and Wildflowers	-	8.30	-
N.C.	Mixed Amber	-	12.00	66 2/3¢
FLA.	Light Amber Tupelo	9.50	9.85	50¢
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8-OZ. JARS</u>		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	5.04	43¢
WISC.	White Clover	4.50	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover	-	7.00	37-39¢
ILL.	Light Clover	4.20	-	-
OHIO	Light Clover	-	4.00	-
	White Sweet Clover	-	4.20	-
N.Y.	Amber - Dark Amber Mixed Flower	-	4.80	25-27¢
	Medium Dark Mixed Spring Flower	-	-	-
	Goldenrod	-	4.52	25¢
MASS.	Light and Dark Mixed	-	5.50	-
PA.	Amber Clover and Wild Flower	-	4.56	25¢
	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	8.40	45¢
MD.	Light White Amber Locus-Basswood-Clover	-	-	-
	Tulip	-	-	-
	Light Clover, Lima Beans	-	5.10	-
	Dark Tulip Poplar and Wildflowers	-	5.10	-
FLA.	Light Amber Tupelo	5.65	6.00	30¢

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PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
SECTION COMB 24s UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED				
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover 12-oz.	-	10.20	-
WISC.	Water White Clover 24, 12-oz.	-	9.60	50¢
	White Clover 14-oz.	12.00	-	40¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover 13-oz.	-	11.00	59+69¢
ILL.	Light Clover 12-oz.	-	-	58¢
OHIO	Light Clover 14-oz.	-	10.00	-
N.Y.	Amber to Dark Amber Mixed Flower 15-16-oz.	-	12.50	75-80¢
	Medium Dark Mixed Spring Flower			
	Goldenrod 12-oz.	-	12.00	69-75¢
MASS.	Light and Dark Mixed Honey 14-oz.	-	12.00	-
PA.	Amber Clover & Wild Flower 13-oz.	-	12.24	65¢
	Light Amber Clover Mixed 12-oz.	-	10.80	60¢
MD.	Light White Amber Locust-Basswood-Clover			
	Tulip 12-oz.	-	10.80	65¢
BULK COMB CHUNK PACK				
WISC.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	-	-	30¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	11.00	59-69¢
ILL.	Light Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	-	70¢
	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.85	-	-
	Light Clover 24, 1-lb. =	-	9.00	-
	White Sweet Clover 12, 1-lb.	-	4.50	-
MASS.	Light and Dark Mixed 12, 2½-lb.	-	15.50	-
MD.	Light Clover, Lima Beans 24, 12-oz.	-	9.50	-
N.C.	Mixed Amber 12, 2½-lb.	-	-	50¢
CREAMED HONEY				
MONT.	White Clover 12, 1-lb.	-	4.15	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover 10-oz.	-	6.30	39-41¢
ILL.	White Clover 12, 12-oz.	3.00	-	-
OHIO	Light Clover 24, 1-lb.	-	7.50	-
	White Sweet Clover 12, 1-lb.	-	3.80	-
N.Y.	Amber to Dark Amber Mixed Flower 24, 16-oz.	-	12.00	69-75¢
MD.	Light Clover, Lima Beans 24, 12-oz.	-	8.30	-

PRODUCER' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLEERS IN DRUMS PER POUND

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE 1/		PRICES & BASIS:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE 1/		PRICES & BASIS:
		OF SALE 2/			OF SALE 2/
CALIFORNIA CENTRAL			ILLINOIS		
Light Amber Alfalfa (some drums returned to beekeepers)		11¢ del.	White Clover		18¢ del.
Light Amber Alfalfa		12½¢ del.	OHIO		
Light Amber to Extra Light Amber			Light Clover		15¢ del.
Sage-Buckwheat		14¢ del.	White Sweet Clover		15¢ del.
WYOMING			FLORIDA		
White Alfalfa Clover		13 3/4¢ f.o.b.	Orange Blossom		15½¢ f.o.b.
OKLAHOMA			Light Amber Tupelo		24¢ f.o.b.
Light Amber Clover		14¢ f.o.b.	Amber Mixed Flowers		12¢ f.o.b.
SOUTH DAKOTA			LOUISIANA		
Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa		16¢ f.o.b.	White Clover		13½-14¢ del.
NEBRASKA			Dark Mixed		11½-12½¢ del.
White Sweet Clover-Alfalfa (Returned)		15¢ f.o.b.			
KANSAS					
Extra White Amber Sweet Clover-Alfalfa		16½¢ del.			
WISCONSIN					
White Clover (returned)		14½¢ del.			
White to Light Amber		14½-15¢ del.			
Light Amber (Returned)		13½¢ del.			

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SALES OF BEESWAX PER POUND

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STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS:		STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS	
	: OF SALE	2/ :		: OF SALE	2/
CALIFORNIA			WISCONSIN		
Light	65-70¢	del.	Light	58¢	del.
Dark	60-65¢	del.	OHIO		
Yellow	50¢	del.	Light	74¢	del.
OREGON			MASSACHUSETTS		
Yellow	62¢	del.	Yellow	50¢	del.
COLORADO			MARYLAND		
Yellow	60¢	f.o.b.	Light	1.000	del.
TEXAS			VIRGINIA		
Country Run	60¢	del.	Light	59¢	del.
OKLAHOMA			Dark	56¢	del.
Yellow	68¢	del.	KENTUCKY		
IOWA			Dark	56¢	del.
Light Lemon	65¢	f.o.b.	Yellow	59¢	del.
NEBRASKA			FLORIDA		
Lemon	73-74¢	del.	Yellow	75¢	del.

FOOTNOTES FOR PAGES 1-4

1/ State or origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term "clover" includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping point; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1969
1969 Crop

ITEM	: Number :		Pounds		Loans Del. and		Quantity	
	: of	: -	: Quantity Put	: Loan Quantity	: -	: Loans Del. and	: Quantity	: -
	: Loans Made	: -	: Under Loans	: Repaid	: -	: Quantity Purch.	: Outstanding	: -
Alabama	7		153,240	44,900		-	108,340	
Arkansas	4		117,504	-		-	117,504	
Arizona	30		795,244	-		-	795,244	
California	55		2,193,672	27,126		-	2,166,546	
Colorado	2		40,664	-		-	40,664	
Florida	71		2,232,936	115,288		-	2,117,648	
Georgia	22		288,960	4,200		-	284,760	
Idaho	13		849,042	42,768		-	806,274	
Illinois	3		116,910	-		-	116,910	
Iowa	5		156,789	-		-	156,789	
Kansas	8		285,112	11,286		-	273,826	
Louisiana	3		85,561	-		-	85,561	
Michigan	3		42,505	-		-	42,505	
Minnesota	18		789,502	-		-	789,502	
Missouri	2		139,590	-		-	139,590	
Montana	8		271,890	-		-	271,890	
Nebraska	50		2,031,775	-		-	2,031,775	
New Mexico	4		76,194	-		-	76,194	
New York	5		92,754	-		-	92,754	
North Carolina	2		22,500	-		-	22,500	
North Dakota	8		368,922	-		-	368,922	
Oklahoma	1		27,324	-		-	27,324	
Oregon	1		17,496	-		-	17,496	
South Dakota	43		2,859,152	36,234		-	2,822,918	
Texas	39		673,888	77,891		-	595,997	
Utah	4		74,196	-		-	74,196	
Virginia	1		17,280	-		-	17,280	
Washington	18		652,968	-		-	652,968	
Wisconsin	14		567,995	-		-	567,995	
Wyoming	1		91,080	-		-	91,080	
TOTALS	445		16,092,645	359,693		0	15,732,952	

Source: Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packagers, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for markets where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days (10). Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of October. Sixty pound cans are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated: Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals 557,602 pounds of domestic White Clover. Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and retailers.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.42-4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50
	Few Best Marks		7.50-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.65-4.35
	1 Mark		4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35

CREAMED

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.50

CHICAGO: Demand moderate. Market about steady.

Brokers and packers sales to wholesalers and other users.

EXTRACTED:

Minnesota Nebraska & South Dakota 60-lb. Drums White Clover & Light Mixed 18¢ Filtered 5-gallon plastic container Minnesota & South Dakota White Clover 21½¢ per lb.

CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady.

Arrivals 52,061 pounds. Brokers' sales to wholesalers and large retailers 16-lb. tins 18¢ light amber 16¢ per lb.

EXTRACTED

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars =	3.45-7.30
	Plastic Creamed Honey--		
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	4.55
24,	8-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.75
24,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	7.30
	Plastic Squeeze--		
12,	1-lb.	Honey With Comb	4.95
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
6,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Supplies plentiful. Market

steady. Brokers' sales to retailers. Colo.-Nebr.-NMex. 60-lb. tins Light Amber 17¢ Quality White 20¢

EXTRACTED:

6,	14-lb.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand good. Market firm. Arrivals 105,969 pounds domestic. Brokers and packers sales to retailers, wholesalers Mixed Flowers mostly White Clover.

DENVER: (Continued)

EXTRACTED:

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.45
6,	3½-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	3-lb.	Jars	8.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.30-6.90
24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.85-4.08
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.35-3.85
12,	16-oz.	Comb	4.55
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer whole-sale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or Better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Server Jar	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Plastic Squeeze Bottles--

12,	12-oz.	Bottle	4.20-4.35
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Blended Flavors

Extra Light Amber

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

Creamed Honey White OrangeClover

According to Quality--

12,	1-lb.	Bowl	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Blended Flavors--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.25
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Chunk Pack (Bulk Comb) Honey-- Clover Sage

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75

Section Comb--Clover White

12,	9-oz.	Sections	6.50
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Safflower Straight Flavor-- Light Amber

12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.00

MINNEAPOLIS: Demand good. Market weaker.

Producer sales to brokers delivered Minneapolis

by truck in 60-lb. tins Minnesota White Sweet

Clover 82-55 gallon drums 2.10 60-lb. at 13¢ with

container exchanged. Light Amber Mixed Flowers

72, 55-gallon drums at 11½¢ with container Exchanged

Beeswax 480 pounds Cash 48¢ Trade 50¢

Sales to jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS: (Continued)

Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy--			
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Jar	3.35
12,	1½-lb.	Plastic Jar	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.55
6,	3-lb.	Plastic Jar	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.75
CREAMED HONEY			
6,	2-lb.	Cups Spread	4.15
24,	10-oz.	Cups Spread	3.00
CUT COMB--			
12,	11½-oz.	Packages	5.35

NEW YORK: Demand fair. Market firm. Arrivals by boat in drums-- Mexico 374, Chile 305, and Colombia 1; in cases-- Australia 50, Belgium 195, Jamaica 10 Germany 55, Greece 4 and Pollan 300; in cartons-- Greece 150; in tins 400.

Importers, wholesalers sales to trade bakers and large users. per lb. MEXICO EX Dock Tins 16½-17¢ Drums 650-lb. 15¢ ARGENTINA EX Dock drums 17¢ EX Dock Orange Blossom 20¢ N.Y. Buckwheat 21-22¢ per lb. Amber 18¢ TEXAS Extra Light Amber Drum 15½¢ OHIO Buckwheat 18½¢ Light Amber 18½¢ White Clover 16½-17¢ IOWA or Midwest White Clover drum 650-lb. 18¢ Light Amber 17½-18¢ FLORIDA Orange Bakers 60-lb. tins 21½¢. Processed Packages and bakers sales to wholesalers and retailers .

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	1-lb.	Plastic	4.35
Light Amber--			
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.50-7.55
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.75
4,	5-lb.	Tins	5.15
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.05-7.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.15-4.70
24,	5-oz.	Jars	3.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.15-7.35
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05
Plastic Container-- 31-lb.			
7.70			
BEESWAX EX Dock no per lb. Actual sales offerings to dealers, refiners and importers. Demand fair			
Market steady.			
AFRICA 75-78¢			
CHILE 78-81¢			
MEXICO 76-80¢			
SANTA DOMINGO 75-78¢			
HAITI 75-78¢			
VENEZUELA 77¢			
BRAZIL 79-80¢			

Arrivals of beeswax by boat in bags-- Mexico 688, Germany 560, Chile 589, Brazil 56 and Haiti 96; In packages-- Ethiopia 46, Germany 46; in cases Germany 28; in blocks-- Ethiopia 674, Mexico 317.

PHILADELPHIA: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals by rail and truck domestic 122,680 pounds Import Chile 9,000 pounds. Sales by repackers to retailers, chains, bakers and other large users.

PHILADELPHIA: (Continued)

EXTRACTED: Domestic Drums and 60-lb. tins per pound White Clover Extra Light 18½¢ Amber			
17½¢	6,	2-lb.	Jars 3.15-3.25
	6,	3-lb.	Jars 4.80-4.90
	6,	5-lb.	Jars 6.85-6.90
	6,8-3/4-lb.	Tins	11.00-11.10
	12,	8-oz.	Jars 2.30-2.40
	12,	16-oz.	Jars 3.30-3.40
	12,	2-lb.	Jars 9.05-9.15
	24,	8-oz.	Jars 4.10-4.20
	24,	16-oz.	Jars 6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals by truck mostly Midwestern 60,429 pounds Brokers' sales to large wholesalers and large retailers outlets-- Clover and Light Amber

EXTRACTED: Unless Otherwise Stated.			
	6,	2-lb.	Jars 4.75
	6,	4-lb.	Jars 6.65
	12,	1-lb.	Jars 4.35
	24,	8-oz.	Jars 5.00
CREAMED HONEY--			
	24,	8-oz.	Jars 5.00
	12¢	1-lb.	Jars 4.55

PORTLAND: Demand good. Supplies adequate. Market steady. Sales to wholesalers, chains and large buyers--

60	-lb. Tins	Per CWT	17.45
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.30-6.75
6,	4-lb.	Tins	5.95
12,	8-oz.	Clover	2.70
12,	12-oz.	Clover	3.70
12,	16-oz.	Clover	4.65
12,	24-oz.	Clover & Fireweed	6.55
Idaho & Montana Sage--			
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.65
12,	2-lb.	Idaho & Mont. Sage	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Jar Clover Fireweed	8.80
6,	3-lb.	Clover	5.00
6,	3-lb.	Clover Sage	5.00
12,	1-lb.	Comb in Jar	5.75
Oregon Clover Fireweed--			
12,	10-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.85
12,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	3.70
24,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	6.60
12,	12-oz.	Squeeze Bottle	4.35
12,	1-lb.	Spun Fireweed	3.90
12,	20-oz.	Spun Fireweed	4.95

SAN FRANCISCO: Market steady. Honey packer wholesale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or better orange, sage and clover accroding to quality--			
6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	JARS	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.20-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.29

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

SAN FRANCISCO: (Continued)

Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--			
6,	5-lb.	Cans	5.94-6.76
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.25
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.21-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50-4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.67-4.68
CREAMED: White Orange-Clover, According to Quality--			
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.69-3.97
24,	12-oz.	Jars (Spun)	7.88
CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb): Clover-Sage			
12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.56-3.87
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.83-6.17
VARIOUS BLENDS: Cents Per Pound--			
Mostly light amber alfalfa mixtures; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users 60-lb. cans & drums (Containers returned)			
			15-18¢

SEATTLE: Demand moderate. Market steady. Sales to wholesalers and other large buyers of Clover and Alfalfa Light Amber or Better Unless Otherwise Stated:

EXTRACTED:			
12,	5-lb.	Tins	14.40
12,	4-lb.	Tins	10.90
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.00-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Tins	7.50-7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75-4.65
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.75
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-5.25
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.15-4.35

SEATTLE: (Continued)

Fireweed--			
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	8.00
Orange and Sage--			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
Orange--			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
APPLES--			
12,	12-oz.		3.60
12,	20-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles--	4.65
12,	20-oz.	Plastic Cups	4.95
12,	1½-lb.	Jars Spun	6.25-6.75
12,	12-oz.	Bottles	3.25
24,	16-oz.	Cups with Cinnamon Honey	3.25
24,	10-oz.	Cups	6.00-6.30
COMB Honey Clover U.S. One			
12,	12-oz.	Packages	5.75

ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market about steady. Brokers' sales to bakers.

EXTRACTED: Per Lb. Light Amber 17¢			
White Clover 19¢ Wholesalers sales to chains and large retailers			
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	3-lb.	Jars	9.50
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.00-6.25
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Creamed	4.55
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Glass	4.55
24,	11-oz.	Comb	9.00-10.00

CALIFORNIA POINTS:

Weather for All California Districts during the first half of October - Very strong drying north winds, especially in the north and central sections of the State, occurred during the period. These were followed by low temperatures with frost in the north coastal valleys. Temperatures were from 1 to 8 degrees below normal in all but the south coastal area where temperatures were near or slightly above normal. The first general rains of the season in the north coast and mountain areas were reported at midperiod followed by general rains over Northern and Central California at midmonth. The first snows of the season fell in the Sierras with both Tioga and Sonoma Passes closed at midmonth.

Weather for All California Districts during the last half of October - Temperatures averaged 4-6 degrees below normal in the San Joaquin Valley and southeastern interior early in the period and near normal on the coast and in the northern interior. Temperatures in the 90s with drying winds were reported over the Los Angeles Basin toward the end of the month. A general storm on the 15th to 17th brought precipitation to the northern two thirds of the State with light snow above 4,000 feet in the north and 7,000 feet in the south. Rainfall amounts ranged from one half inch in the Northern San Joaquin Valley to over 2 inches in the northern coastal mountains and the Sierra Nevadas. Near record 24 hour amounts of rainfall for October were observed on the coast from the Bay area northward. Strong northerly winds followed the storm. Precipitation later in the month was limited to drizzles near the coast and scattered showers and thunderstorm activity in the southern mountain regions. San Bernardino reported heavy thunder and hail on the 18th.

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - Colonies are going into the winter in good to excellent condition throughout the State. Only a few beekeepers report weak colonies and these generally were colonies damaged by insecticides. Honey and pollen supplies are heavy with some beekeepers still extracting. Broodrearing has declined with the cooler weather, especially in the northern and central portions of the State. However, some brood and eggs can still be found in most hives. Colony populations are generally good, consisting mostly of young bees.

The number of colonies to be wintered in the various localities show considerable change from a year earlier. In the northern and central valley areas most beekeepers reported fewer colonies while in the southern and coastal areas increased numbers were reported. Young queens will be present in from 30 to 90 percent of the hives, with the highest percent in the northern counties normally shipping packaged bees and queens.

Colony movement was light during October. A few moderately active are being moved to almond orchards or to wintering yards nearby. Some colonies are being moved to southern California eucalyptus locations which should start producing in a few weeks.

Honey plant conditions are normal or better for this time of year than usual. The recent rain in northern and central California prolonged the vitality of tarweed and star thistle and other late plants. Galls on oaks are more abundant this year,

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Continued)

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - (Continued) creating quite a honeydew flow in some areas. Rains over the northern two-thirds of the State has started honey plants growing for next season. Most of this year's plants have gone dormant.

Alfalfa, blue curl, rabbit brush, wire weed, mustard, eucalyptus, and other wild flowers were still being worked. Yields of both nectar and pollen however have been light. Flight times have been restricted by foggy mornings and cooler weather in many areas.

Surplus honey yields as reported by beekeepers during October ranged 20 to 150 pounds from all sources.

Southern California - (First half of October) Beekeeper offerings were liberal on alfalfa but no offerings of range were reported. Export trading was light to moderate.

Southern California - (Last half of October) Offerings of alfalfa were liberal. Export trading was fair. The lag in export trading was reported by some contacts to be due to the glutted German market while others claimed the condition resulted from a wait-see attitude regarding the Argentine crop, due after the first of the year.

Northern and Central California (First half of October) Beekeeper offerings continued heavy. Extracting was nearing completion though a little blue curl and tarweed was still being extracted. Purchases by dealers were in moderate volume though many still reported warehouses well filled. Beekeepers were being encouraged to hold for later sale or to place their honey under government loan, in order to keep from working prices lower. Demand from retail outlets has been very good and from commercial users steady. Some export sales were reported with some indication of a firming trend on light amber alfalfa offerings. Colonies were reported going into the winter in strong condition with little insecticide damage when compared with other recent seasons.

Northern and Central California (Last half of October) Beekeeper offerings were somewhat lighter than during recent weeks. A few beekeepers were reported holding surplus honey for sale after the first of the year. Holdings by beekeepers were heavy and a few were still extracting. Dealer purchases were light by the close of the month. Inventories were becoming more nearly in line with needs and a few expected to enter the market for additional quantities, particularly of light colored honeys. Retail demand was good during the period while demand from bakeries and other commercial outlets was steady. Dealers expressed difficulty in securing glass container needs with higher costs for both glass and tin. Export interest continued

moderately active.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES

Oregon - Market conditions at the retail level were good. Most honey in the southern area had been sold. There was a large proportion of young bees in cluster, storing a heavier supply of honey compared to this period last season. Land preparation was active due to an ample rainfall for the period. Most Crimson Clover and Vetch acreage had been planted and was up with average or above acreage expected this fall.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES: (Continued)

Washington - Temperatures West of Cascades the Cascades during the first half of the month were cold with some frosty nights. Rainfall during the month was less than normal especially the Puget Sound area. Colonies were in generally good condition and in dormancy. The weather the first of the month was cool in daytime and temperatures were cold during the night with some milder weather the latter part of the month. Precipitation during the period was negligible. Extracting was practically completed with most bees being placed in winter quarters and were in fairly good to good shape.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES

Colorado - Local markets were fairly active, however, prices were slightly higher due to extremely poor honey crops. Bees in this area averaged only about 10 pounds per colony and went into winter dormancy somewhat short of stores, but otherwise were in fairly good condition. With a cold wet October, moisture conditions were above normal. Most bees were up for sale because beekeepers were discouraged about future prospects.

Idaho - At harvest time, buyers were actively buying a considerable amount of honey. But later, producers needing cash were putting their honey under CCC loan because buying was less active. Colony conditions were good and the honey supplies were heavy. Honey plant and moisture conditions were normal.

Montana - Market conditions were reported as stable. Colony conditions were strong. Most honey plants had died and moisture conditions were poor. No other information was reported from this area.

Utah - Market conditions were good in most areas. There was some consumer demand for 60 pound cans of honey. Generally most colonies were in good condition. Moderate rains in the early fall stimulated nectar flow in sunflowers, rabbit brush and gum plants that were still flowering, allowing bees to get a supply of fall nectar. There was some anticipation that spring floral plants may not be adequate next spring because the lack of moisture caused poor plant growth.

Wyoming - Most honey sales were of a bulk nature and were made to cooperatives but overall sales were generally slow. In most colonies bees were too strong and will require careful attention after the first of the year. Moisture conditions were about average for this time of the year considering the drought conditions this past summer.

ARIZONA

Bees were in the poorest condition they had been reported in many years. Most beekeepers lost about one-third of their bees to insecticides. Spraying was lighter during the past month and those colonies that were not killed gathered some honey which is being held for winter stores.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES:

Arkansas - Market conditions at the retail level were good. Colony conditions were good except where insecticides had been used. Moisture conditions were dry. Not much other information was reported from this area.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES: (Continued)

Oklahoma - There was good demand for honey in the Western section of Oklahoma. In the Southwestern section market conditions ranged from fair to very poor. Most colonies were in good condition for the winter with stores plentiful. Good moisture conditions prevailed over most of the State and plants were still blooming, allowing bees to gather some pollen. Some parts of the Southwestern area of the State reported a light to heavy frost.

Texas - Honey movement was slowly improving. There was some anticipation that market conditions would improve as cooler weather increased. There had been an unusual demand for raw honey. Some producer-packers had increased prices slightly on some regularly processed honey after a gloomy look all fall. Colony conditions were good for winter but some beekeepers had just started feeding some winter stores, feeding the weaker colonies first. Broodweed and aster came on with the best fall flow from this source and colonies literally plugged the broodnest, possibly cutting down on brood for the winter bees. Population was good. Pollen reserves were very good in broodnests. Broodweed was still yielding a little pollen. Cool nights and warm days were ideal for honey flow in spite of continued near drought conditions.

PLAINS STATES

Iowa - There was a good demand locally for honey. Generally, colonies were in good condition for winter. A few feeding adjustments were necessary to prepare for good winter stores. Bee population was good. Honey plants were in fairly good condition for the winter. In the northeastern section, there has been one hard white frost about the middle of the month and several lighter ones since, causing bees to finish working early for the season. Several rains were reported this period, however, many of the fall corn and soybean crops remained unharvested as the season was unfavorable and to dry for fall plowing.

Kansas - Demand for the smaller packers had been good. Cooler temperatures increased local demand. Market conditions were fair. Bees had not been confined for the season to date. A surplus of honey was reported in the northern section. With abundant amount of pollen, colonies were greatly populated. Some broomweed and chrysanthemums were blooming. Both top soil and subsoil moisture was heavy. Light to heavy frosts were reported.

Nebraska - Retail sales were very good and wholesale lots to packers reported only fair. Some beekeepers were holding for higher prices. Many colonies were going into winter with light stores in Southeast Nebraska. A moderate feeding was necessary for some bees and others will need to be watched closely in the spring. The extremely dry early fall weather curtailed any fall flow. Snow and rain across most of the State helped the moisture situation, but some areas could use more. Bees were hampered from working in central and western Nebraska by 13 inches of snow and 10 degree temperatures. However, bees in this area were expected to resume work the last of October or first of November when rising temperatures were forecast .

PLAINS STATES

South Dakota - Market conditions were reported strong. Most honey was going under government contract while other honey for market was held for higher prices. Local markets were strong and sales were up. Colony conditions were very good with clusters strong and heavier than usual. Honey plant and moisture conditions were good in the eastern section, poor in the western section with rainfall about 2 inches above normal in eastern South Dakota.

CENTRAL STATES

Illinois - The market at the retail levels was reported strong. Colony conditions were reported very good with plenty of bees and honey supplies. Beekeepers were preparing colonies for wintering. Moisture conditions were above normal. Prospects for next year looked good.

Indiana - Roadside sales were reported good. Quality of honey was the best in 3 to 4 years with colonies averaging about 90 to 100 pounds per colony in well kept yards. Bees were going into winter in good condition with lots of young bees and ample stores. The Aster flow was very good the first 2 weeks of October although late in getting started. There had been continuous rains for the past 6 weeks and moisture conditions are very good. Honey plants were in very good condition.

Michigan - Colder weather improved retail sales to supermarkets. The market conditions for smaller containers were reported fair. Generally, colonies were in good condition. Broodrearing had been cutback some because of cool temperatures. Moisture conditions were fairly good. Goldenrod and aster flows were fairly good.

Minnesota - In Southeast Minnesota demand for raw honey continued good. Retail movement was good for this time of year due to cold weather. In some large chain stores there was some price cutting on the 2 and 4 pound glass packs. Most yards had an abundance of pollen and honey for winter stores. It is anticipated that the extreme drought conditions in August and September will have an adverse effect on the Clover and other legumes. Generally surface moisture was ample but subsoil moisture was lacking.

Ohio - Market conditions generally were reported very good. Bees were heavy for wintering in most sections. Little winter feeding is expected this year. Most colonies are queenless this fall. Moisture conditions were above average with honey plants in good condition.

Wisconsin - Demand for honey was reported good however, in Southwestern Wisconsin local honey sales were slow. Most colonies were going into winter with abundant stores of honey and good population. Moisture conditions were excellent.

NORTHEASTERN STATES

Connecticut - Market and colony conditions were reported good. The honey harvest was about average. Moisture conditions were good. Honey plants were killed by the heavy frost that hit the area the middle of October.

New Jersey - Retail sales were reported normal. Generally, colonies were in very good condition for wintering. The late Aster flow yielded very little surplus honey but was good in helping the bees shape up their winter feeding supplies.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: (Continued)

New Jersey - (Continued) Generally moisture conditions were good but more rain is needed before the ground freezes.

New York - In the southeastern area market conditions were reported very steady. Prices varied some as dealers were waiting for final crop results. In this area, containers were hard to obtain especially the new 5-pound pails. Bees in the Southeastern area will need winter feeding due to a very poor fall Aster flow while bees in the other areas of this State were going into winter in good condition. Generally moisture and plant conditions were good.

Pennsylvania - Market conditions were reported fair to good. Colonies generally were in excellent condition. Moisture and plant conditions were about normal for this time of year. Very little information reported from this area.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

Maryland - Favorable colony conditions and good moisture conditions enabled colonies to gain good supply of nectar from the Aster and Goldenrod bloom. Broodrearing was exceptionally heavy. There were sufficient stores for winter. Aster and Goldenrod pollen and nectar were still available and being gathered even though the blooming cycle was practically completed.

North Carolina - Sales were reported mostly slow. Colonies were going into winter in fair condition. Most colonies have ample amounts of honey and bees for wintering but some bees will need feeding. Bees have been working asters when weather permits. Some honey was stored but no surplus. There was a heavy frost the last of the month. The weather has been dry with only one good rain during the period.

South Carolina - Light information indicated market conditions were steady. Colony conditions were strong and bees were gathering nectar from White Aster and Goldenrod which was still blooming. Moisture conditions were dry.

Virginia - Generally the market conditions were reported fair. Bees were going into winter with good supplies of honey. Honey plant and moisture conditions were good.

Kentucky - Reports indicated market conditions for honey were improved. An abundant supply of beeswax was reported. Colonies were in very good condition. The flow from Goldenrod and Asters was limited because of dry weather. A freeze was reported around the middle of the month.

Tennessee - Honey market was reported good to strong with a good demand. Colonies were in fair to good condition but some late swarming bees will need feeding in the spring. The weather was dry and cool. No frost had been reported for this area. Fall Asters were still in bloom.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES

Florida - Market conditions were reported steady to firm. Colonies had stored much fall honey and pollen. Colony strength was good. Bees were going into winter with plenty of stores. Spanish Needle and Goldenrod were still yielding nectar. Smartweed bloom appeared to be about over but some other minor nectar plants were being worked. Moisture conditions were good over most of the State.



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COLONY, HONEY PLANT AND MARKET CONDITIONS DURING OCTOBER

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: (Continued)

Georgia - Weather conditions have been fairly ideal in Central and South Georgia for bee activity during October, although some areas have been dry and need rain. Conditions have been about normal in North Georgia. First killing frost occurred about mid-month and bees were mostly dormant. Colonies were in good condition with sufficient stores to take them through winter. In South Georgia, bees were working Mexican Clover, Aster and Goldenrod and some Sea Myrtle.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: (Continued)

Louisiana - Market and colony conditions were reported fair to good. Winter clusters were larger than usual for this time of year. In northern Louisiana fall flow was short in most areas due to the continued drought. In the central areas honey plant and moisture conditions were good.



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Retail sales for the mostly large honey crop was generally reported good throughout most of the States with only occasional areas reporting slow movement.

Bees were mostly entering winter with adequate winter stores and brood although some exceptions were also noted.

Soil moisture was mostly normal although some dry areas were reported. However, beekeepers were expecting some late rain and light snow to remedy this situation shortly. Honey plants were mostly dormant.

HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING NOVEMBER

These prices represent sales as reported by correspondent beekeepers and honey handlers. Because of the many thousands of beekeepers and handlers in the country, these should be considered as representative prices and not as full complete coverage of all transactions for any State or area.

PRODUCERS' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATE) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE 1/ :PRICES & BASIS:
: OF SALE 2/ : STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE 1/ :PRICES & BASIS
: OF SALE 2/

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Extra White Sage (new cans) 15¢ del.

White Sage (new cans) 13½¢ del.

Extra Light Amber Sage (cans exchanged) 13¢ del.

Extra Light Amber, good light amber

Lima Bean-Alfalfa (medium size lot-
new cans) 11½¢ del.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Light Amber to Extra Light Amber Sage-
Buckwheat (used cans) 15½¢ del.

Light Amber to Extra Light Amber
Sage-Buckwheat 13-14¢ del.

Light Amber Alfalfa (few small lots) 13¢ del.

Light Amber Sage-Buckwheat (new cans) 16¢ del.

COLORADO

White Alfalfa Sweet Clover 16¢ f.o.b.

ARKANSAS

Amber to Light Amber Mixed Cotton

Soybean 20¢ del.

OKLAHOMA

Light Amber Alfalfa and Clover 14¢ f.o.b.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Water White to White Sweet Clover and
Alfalfa 16½¢ f.o.b.

MICHIGAN

White Clover 13¢ f.o.b.

WISCONSIN

White Alfalfa 14½¢ del.

White Clover 13½-14½¢ f.o.b.

White Clover Alfalfa (Exchanged) 14-14½¢

Light Clover Mixed 13¢ del.

OHIO

White Clover 15¢ del.

NEW YORK

White Clover Basswood 15¢ del.

PENNSYLVANIA

Light Amber Clover Mixed 20¢ del.

FLORIDA

Light Tupelo 35¢ del.

LOUISIANA

White Clover 13-14¢ del.

Light Amber Mixed Clover 17¢ del.

Dark Mixed 11-12¢ del.

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STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 60-LB. CANS PER LB.</u>				
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	17½¢	22¢
	White Alfalfa Clover	-	-	20¢
	Water White Fireweed	-	-	20¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	19¢	20-21¢
MONT.	White Alfalfa Clover Mixed	-	17½¢	17½¢
	White Clover	-	19½¢	20½¢
ARK.	Amber to Light Amber Mixed Cotton Soybean	-	20¢	20¢
OKLA.	Light Amber Alfalfa and Clover	14¢	19¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa	16½¢	18¢	20¢
KANS.	Very Light Amber Sweet Clover	-	-	18¢
WISC.	White Clover	-	14½¢	18¢
	White Clover Alfalfa	16½¢	-	-
ILL.	Light Clover	14¢	16¢	18¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	-	17¢
N.Y.	Dark Mixed Goldenrod	-	-	20¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	-	20¢
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber Honey	20¢	-	-
FLA.	Light Tupelo	35¢	35¢	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	12-1/3¢	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY - 5-LB. JARS PER LB.</u>				
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	23¢	30¢
	White Alfalfa Clover	-	-	35¢
	Water White Fireweed	-	-	25¢
COLO.	White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	-	24¢	29-30¢
MONT.	White Clover-Alfalfa Mixed	-	-	27¢
	White Clover	-	24½¢	26¢
ARK.	Amber to Light Amber Mixed Cotton Soybean	-	27¢	30¢
OKLA.	Light Amber Alfalfa and Clover	-	23¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	20¢	20¢	28¢
KANS.	Very Light Amber Sweet Clover	-	-	35¢
MICH.	White Clover	-	-	23¢
WISC.	White Clover	-	23¢	20¢
	White to Extra White Amber Clover & Alfalfa	-	22¢	26¢
ILL.	Light Clover	-	20¢	25¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	24¢	-
N.Y.	Dark Mixed Goldenrod	-	-	30¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	29¢	37¢
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber	22¢	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 12, 2-LB. JARS</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.20	79¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	6.96	75¢
MONT.	White Clover	-	7.10	-
ARK.	Amber to Light Amber Mixed Cotton Soybean	--	7.80	80¢
OKLA.	Light Amber Alfalfa and Clover	-	6.25	-
S.DAK.	Water White To White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	6.70	7.20	78¢
WISC.	White Clover Alfalfa	5.50	6.00	63-65¢
	White to Extra White Amber Clover & Alfalfa	-	6.00	-
MINN.	White to Extra White Clover Alfalfa	-	6.90	-
ILL.	Light Clover	-	6.10	-
OHIO	White Clover	-	6.80	-
N.Y.	Dark Mixed Goldenrod	-	7.18	79¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	7.80	85¢
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber Honey	7.40	-	-
N.Y.	Amber Mixed	-	10.00	-
FLA.	Light Tupelo	10.50	-	-
LA.	White Amber Mixed Clover	7.40	-	-

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STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE 1/	WHOLESALE	SALES TO RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		(Generally Delivered)	(Generally Delivered)	(Local Sales)
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.92	43¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	7.40	41¢
MONT.	White Clover	-	7.60	-
ARK.	Amber to Light Amber Mixed Cotton Soybean	-	8.40	49¢
OKLA.	Light Amber Alfalfa and Clover	-	6.25	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa	7.00	7.40	40¢
WISC.	White Clover Alfalfa	5.90	6.40	35-39¢
MINN.	White to Extra White Clover Alfalfa	-	7.35	-
ILL.	Light Clover	-	6.50	-
OHIO	White Clover	-	6.75-6.90	-
N.Y.	Dark Mixed Goldenrod	-	7.25	45-50¢
PA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	-	8.40	45¢
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber	7.50	-	-
N.C.	Amber Mixed	-	-	50¢
FLA.	Light Tupelo	10.00	-	-
LA.	Light Amber Mixed Clover	4.30	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8-OZ. JARS</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	5.04	29¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	4.20	24¢
ARK.	Amber to Light Amber Mixed Cotton Soybean	-	6.00	30¢
WISC.	White Clover Alfalfa	3.60	3.90	21¢
	White to Extra White Amber Clover & Alfalfa	-	4.20	-
MINN.	White to Extra White Clover, Alfalfa	-	4.60	-
OHIO	Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	-	4.10	-
	Amber Clover	-	4.52	25-30¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	4.50	28¢
<u>SECTION COMB 24s UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED</u>				
OREG.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover 12-oz.	-	10.20	59¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover 12, 11-oz.	-	5.52	59¢
WISC.	White Clover 14-oz.	-	9.60	50¢
	White Clover Alfalfa 12-oz.	-	9.00	49-53¢
	White to Extra White Amber Clover & Alfalfa 11-oz.	-	10.80	-
MINN.	White to Extra White Clover, Alfalfa 12, 13-oz.	-	6.20	-
N.Y.	Dark Mixed Goldenrod 24-oz.	-	12.00	69-75¢
	White Clover Basswood 11-oz.	10.00	11.50	69¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed 12-oz.	-	10.80	60¢
W.VA.	Amber To Light Amber 12-oz.	10.56	-	-
<u>BULK COMB - CHUNK PACK</u>				
ILL.	Light Clover 12, 12-oz.	-	5.40	39¢
OHIO	White Clover 12, 1-lb.	-	4.20	-
W.VA.	Amber to Light Amber Honey 12, 2½-lb.	10.50	-	-
<u>CREAMED HONEY</u>				
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover 24, 12-16-oz.	-	7.60	35-43¢
MONT.	White Clover 12, 16-oz.	-	4.15	-
WISC.	White to Extra White Amber Clover and Alfalfa 12, 14-oz.	-	3.50	-
MINN.	White to Extra White Clover, Alfalfa 24, 10-oz.	-	5.40	-
OHIO	White Clover 12, 1-lb.	-	3.84	-

PRODUCER' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN DRUMS PER POUND

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE	2/	:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE	2/	:	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA(reconditioned container)				:	AKRANSAS				:	
Light Amber-Extra Light Amber				:	Amber to Light Amber Mixed Cotton				:	
Sage Buckwheat				15½-15 3/4¢ del.	:	Soybean				14¢ del.
Light Amber Sage-Buckwheat				15½¢ del.	:	OKLAHOMA				:
OREGON				:	Light Amber Alfalfa and Clover				14¢ f.o.b.	
White Alfalfa Clover				14¢ del.	:	SOUTH DAKOTA				:
Water to White Fireweed				14¢ del.	:	Water White to White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa				16¢ f.o.b.
WASHINGTON				:	NEBRASKA				:	
Water White Sweet Clover				13-14¢ del.	:	Extra White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa				15½¢ f.o.b.
TEXAS				:	Sweet Clover (Returned)				15¢ f.o.b.	
Light Amber to Extra Light Amber				:	(Continued on Page 4)				See Footnotes on Page 4	
Mixed Flower (Container Exchanged)				12¢	:					

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE	1/	:PRICES & BASIS
		: OF SALE 2/ :			: OF SALE 2/ :
WISCONSIN			NEW YORK		
White Clover Alfalfa (Exchanged)	14-14½¢ del.		White Clover Basswood		14¢ del.
White to Extra White Amber			Amber Clover		12¢ del.
Clover and Alfalfa	14 1/3¢ del.		FLORIDA		
Light Clover Mixed	13¢ del.		Light Tupelo		27¢ del.
OHIO			LOUISIANA		
White Clover	15¢ del.		White Clover		13-14¢ del.
Light Amber Clover and Mixed Flower	14¢		Dark Mixed		11-12¢ del.

SALES OF BEESWAX PER POUND

STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS:	STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS
	: OF SALE 2/ :		: OF SALE 2/ :
CALIFORNIA		WISCONSIN	
Light	50-55¢ del.	Light Yellow	67¢ f.o.b.
OREGON		Yellow	59¢ del.
Yellow	50¢ del.	Medium	60¢ del.
COLORADO		MINNESOTA	
Light	70¢ f.o.b.	Light Yellow	68¢ f.o.b.
Lemon	62-65¢ f.o.b.	OHIO	
MONTANA		Light	56¢ del.
Yellow	68¢ del.	NEW JERSEY	
UTAH		Dark	1.00 f.o.b.
Light	20¢ del.	MARYLAND	
TEXAS		Medium	50¢ f.o.b.
Country Run	55¢ f.o.b.	VIRGINIA	
ARKANSAS		Light	55¢ del.
Lemon Yellow	70¢ del.	Dark	52¢ del.
OKLAHOMA		TENNESSEE	
Yellow	58¢ del.	Yellow	68¢ del.
NORTH DAKOTA		KENTUCKY	
Lemon Yellow	59¢ del.	Dark	52¢ del.
SOUTH DAKOTA		Yellow	55¢ del.
Lemon Yellow	68¢ del.		
NEBRASKA			
Lemon	59¢ f.o.b.		

FOOTNOTES FOR PAGES 1-4

1/ State or origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term "clover" includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping point; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

MONTHLY REPORT OF HONEY PRICE-SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1969
1969 Crop

ITEM	Number of Loans Made	Quantity Put Under Loans	Loan Quantity Repaid	Pounds	Loans Del. and Quantity Purch.	Quantity Outstanding
Alabama	7	153,240	47,300		-	105,940
Arkansas	6	267,840	-		-	267,840
Arizona	35	839,632	3,821		-	835,811
California	71	5,907,243	172,632		-	5,734,611
Colorado	3	70,634	-		-	70,634
Florida	75	2,744,370	282,538		-	2,461,832
Georgia	27	634,470	29,880		-	604,590
Idaho	20	1,358,568	107,562		-	1,251,006
Illinois	4	125,820	-		-	125,820
Indiana	2	41,248	-		-	41,248
Iowa	9	543,465	-		-	543,465
Kansas	9	317,182	46,926		-	270,256
Louisiana	3	85,561	2,376		-	83,185
Michigan	6	314,890	-		-	314,890
Minnesota	37	1,773,259	-		-	1,773,259
Missouri	2	139,590	17,820		-	121,770
Montana	13	546,210	-		-	546,210
Nebraska	75	2,987,776	-		-	2,987,776
New Mexico	5	88,668	6,600		-	82,068
New York	16	312,577	16,464		-	296,113
North Carolina	2	22,500	-		-	22,500
North Dakota	16	1,904,862	-		-	1,904,862
Ohio	3	3,097,152	-		-	3,097,152
Oklahoma	1	27,324	-		-	27,324
Oregon	2	29,484	-		-	29,484
South Dakota	67	4,533,235	109,296		-	4,423,939
Texas	61	1,467,481	140,410		-	1,327,071
Utah	12	397,441	-		-	397,441
Virginia	1	17,280	-		-	17,280
Washington	24	843,048	-		-	843,048
Wisconsin	28	867,457	-		-	867,457
Wyoming	8	257,198	-		-	257,198
Totals	650	32,716,705	983,625		0	31,733,080

Comparative totals as of October 31, 1969

1968	482	18,588,018	835,475	5,346	17,747,197
1967	552	22,113,891	712,030	0	21,401,861
1966	478	19,468,811	486,807	0	18,982,004
1965	405	31,279,730	633,411	0	12,646,319

Source: Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

TERMINAL MARKET REPORTS

Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packagers, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for markets where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days (10). Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of November. Sixty pound cns are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated: Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals 146,040 lbs. domestic White Clover. Brokers' sales to wholesalers, chains and retailers.

EXTRACTED:

6	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.42-4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50
	Few Best Marks		7.50-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.65-4.35
		1 Mark	4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35

CREAMED:

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.50

CHICAGO: Demand moderate. Market steady. Brokers' and packers sales to wholesalers and other users.

EXTRACTED: Per lb. Nebr., Minn. & South Dakota 55 & 60-lb. Drums White Clover and Light Mixed 18¢; Filtered 5 gallon plastic containers Minn. and South Dakota White Clover 21½¢.

6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.40-4.65
6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.45-7.20
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.70
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.90-7.05
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10-4.40

CREAMED HONEY--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.10

CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady. Arrival 52,871 lbs. Brokers' sales to wholesalers and large retailers 16-lb. Tins 18¢ Light Amber 16¢

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.45-7.30

PLASTIC CREAMED HONEY--

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
6,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.75
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Supplies adequate. Market steady. Brokers' sales to retailers. Colo.-Nebr.-NMex. 60-lb. Tin Light Amber 17¢ Quality White 20¢

EXTRACTED

6,	14-oz.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand good. Market firm. Arrivals 112,010 lbs. domestic. Brokers' and packers' sales to retailers and wholesalers Mixed Flowers Mostly White Clover.

DETROIT: (Continued)

EXTRACTED:

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.45
6,	3½-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	3-lb.	Jars	8.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.30-6.90
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.00-4.08
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.35-4.00
12,	1-lb.	Whip	4.10

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer wholesale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or Better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Server Jar	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Plastic Squeeze Bottles--

12,	12-oz.	Bottle	4.20-4.35
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Blended Flavors-- Extra Light Amber

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

CREAMED HONEY White Orange Clover According to Quality--

12,	1-lb.	Bowl	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Blended Flavors--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.25
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CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb) Honey Clover

Sage--

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75

SECTION COMB -- Clover White

12,	9-oz.	Sections	6.50
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SAFFLOWER Straight Flavor Light Amber--

12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.00

MINNEAPOLIS: Demand fair. Market steady.

Producer sales to brokers' delivered Minneapolis by truck in 60-lb. Tins Minn. White Sweet Clover 65, 55-gallon drums at 13½¢ with container exchanged; Light Amber Mixed Flowers 22, 55-gallon drums at 11½¢ with container exchanged. Beeswax 350-lbs. cash 48¢ trade 50¢

Sales to Jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Jars	3.35
12,	1½-lb.	Plastic Jars	5.35

MINNEAPOLIS: (Continued)

Sales to Jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis

Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy (Continued)			
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.55
6,	3-lb.	Plastic Jars	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.75

CREAMED HONEY

6,	2-lb.	Cups Spread	4.15
24,	10-oz.	Cups Spread	3.00

CUT COMB

12,	11½-oz.	Packages	5.35
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NEW YORK: Demand fair. Market firm. Arrivals by boat in cases-- Greece 9, Germany 235, Hungary 50; in cartons-- Greece 240; in drums-- Mexico 117, Brazil 160, Argentina 300.

Importers and wholesalers sales to trade, bakers and large users per lb.

MEXICO EX DOCK Tins 16½-17¢ Drums 15¢

ARGENTINA EX DOCK Orange Blossom 20¢

NEW YORK Buckwheat 22-23¢ Light Amber 18½-19½¢

MIDWEST White Clover Alfalfa 17¢

BAKERS Light Amber and Clover Blended 17½-18¢

OHIO Buckwheat 22¢ Florida Orange Bakers 20-21½¢

60-lb. Tins

Processed Packages and bakers sales to wholesalers and retailers

WHITE CLOVER Fancy Jars

12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65

HONEY Spread Colored Dish Bowl-

12,	1-lb.	Bowl	4.55
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Extra Amber Jars--

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.50-7.55
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.05-7.15
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.15-7.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.15-4.70
24,	5-oz.	Jars	3.40
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05
4,	5-lb.	Tins	5.15

Processed Per lb. Bulk Clover 20¢ Bakers 60-lb. tins 10¢.

BEESWAX - Arrivals by boat in bags-- Brazil 225, Haiti 91, Chile 260, Mexico 195; in bottles Ethiopia 90.

EX DOCK Per lb. Actual sales and offerings to dealers, refiners and importers--

AFRICA	80-84¢
CHILE	80-85¢
MEXICO	78-82¢
SAN DOMINGO	75-80¢
HAITI	74-80¢
BRAZIL	80-85¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals

by rail and truck domestic 131,200 lbs. Sales by repackers to retailers, chains, bakers and other large users.

EXTRACTED: Domestic Drums and 60-11 tins per lb.

White Clover Extra Light 18½¢ Amber 17½¢			
6,	2-lb.	Jars	3.15-3.25
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.80-4.90
6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.85-6.90
6,	8-3/4-lb.	Tins	11 00-11.10

PHILADELPHIA: (Continued)

EXTRACTED: (Continued)

12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.30-2.40
12,	16-oz.	Jars	3.30-3.40
12,	2-lb.	Jars	9.05-9.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.10-4.20
24,	16-oz.	Jars	6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals by truck mostly Midwestern 50,316 lbs.

Brokers' sales to large wholesalers and large retailers outlets Clover and Light Amber

EXTRACTED:

6,	2-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
24,	8-oz. =	Jars	5.00

CREAMED

24,	8-oz.	Jars	5.00
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.55

PORTLAND: Demand good. Market steady. Supplies

adequate for needs. Sales to wholesalers, chains and large buyers:

60-lb. Tins Per cwt.			
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.30-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	5.95
12,	8-oz.	Clover	2.70
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	16-oz.	Jars	4.65
12,	24-oz.	Clover & Fireweed	6.55
Idaho & Montana Sage			
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.65
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Clover & Fireweed	8.80
6,	3-lb.	Clover	5.00
6,	3-lb.	Clover Sage	5.00
12,	1-lb.	Comb in Jar	5.75
Oregon Clover Fireweed--			
12,	10-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.85
12,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	3.70
24,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	6.60
12,	12-oz.	Squeeze Bottle	4.35

SAN FRANCISCO: Market firm. Honey packer whole-sale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.20-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.29

Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	5.94-6.76
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.25
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.21-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50-4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottles	4.67-4.68

SAN FRANCISCO: (Continued)

CREAMED: White orange-clover, according to quality--

12, 12-oz. Cups 3.69-3.97
24, 12-oz. Jars (spun) 7.88

CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb): Clover-Sage--

12, 8-oz. Jars 3.56-3.87
12, 1-lb. Jars 5.83-6.17

VARIOUS BLENDS: Mostly light Amber alfalfa mixtures; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users 60-lb. cans and drums (Containers returned) 15-18¢

SEATTLE: Demand fair to moderate. Market steady.

Sales to wholesalers and other large buyers of Clover and Alfalfa light amber or better Unless otherwise Stated

EXTRACTED:

12, 5-lb. Tins 14.40
12, 4-lb. Tins 10.90
6, 5-lb. Tins 6.00-7.70
6, 4-lb. Tins 6.50
12, 2½-lb. Tins 7.50-7.70
12, 2-lb. Jars 7.50
12, 1½-lb. Jars 6.40-6.50
12, 2-lb. Jars 3.75-4.65
24, 12-oz. Jars 6.75
24, 8-oz. Jars 4.95-5.25
12, 12-oz. Plastic Bottles 4.15-4.35
Fireweed--
6, 4-lb. Jars 6.50
12, 2-lb. Jars 7.50
12, 1-lb. Jars 4.50
12, 1½-lb. Jars 6.40
24, 1-lb. Jars 8.00

SEATTLE: (Continued)

EXTRACTED

Orange-Sage--

12, 12-oz. Jars 3.50

Orange

12, 12-oz. Jars 3.60

Apple

12, 12-oz. Jars 3.60

Creamed

12, 20-oz. Plastic Squeeze Bottle 4.65

12, 20-oz. Plastic Cups 4.95

12, 1½-lb. Jars Spun 6.25-6.75

12, 12-oz. Bottles 3.25

24, 16-oz. Cups Spun 8.20

24, 12-oz. Cups with Cinnamon Honey 6.60

12, 10-oz. Cups With Cinnamon Honey 3.25

24, 10-oz. Cups 6.00-6.30

Comb Honey Clover U.S. One

12, 12-oz. Packages 5.75

ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market steady. Brokers' sales to bakers.

EXTRACTED:

Per lb. Light Amber 17¢ White Clover 19¢

Wholesalers' sales to chains and large retailers--

6, 4-lb. Jars 6.25
12, 3-lb. Jars 9.50
6, 2½-lb. Jars 4.75
12, 24-oz. Jars 6.00-6.25
24, 1-lb. Jars 7.75
12, 1-lb. Jars 4.35
12, 12-oz. Jars 3.50
12, 12-oz. Plastic Squeeze 4.35
12, 12-oz. Creamed Honey 4.55
12, 1-lb. Creamed Glass 4.55
24, 11-oz. Comb 9.00-10.00.

CALIFORNIA POINTS:

Weather for All California Districts during the first half of November - Temperatures were warm throughout the State during the early part of the period but were cool later, but averaged near normal. Moderate to heavy precipitation was recorded throughout the State including thunderstorm activity and widespread rainfall in the desert areas south of the Tehachapis. Light snow fell in the north above 4,000 feet and in the central and southern Sierra Nevadas above 6,000 to 7,000 feet. Precipitation totals ranged from over half inch in the central valleys to as much as 3 inches in the coast range and in the Sierra Nevadas. Morning fog was reported in much of the central valley at midmonth.

Weather for All California Districts during the last half of November - Marked cooling occurred in all areas of the state, except locally on the south coast. The first freezing temperatures of the season at low elevation inland points occurred early in the period. Average temperatures were mostly normal to 1-4 degrees below normal. Only light precipitation occurred in the extreme north and in the Sierra Nevadas with scattered showers in the southern end of the State. Fog occurred throughout the central valley late in the period but usually cleared by mid day. Strong winds were reported in southern coastal areas.

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - Colonies generally were reported in much better condition than on the corresponding dates during the last several years. Most are heavy with honey and pollen but broodrearing had nearly stopped by the end of November. A few beekeepers have done supplemental feeding and were still reporting some brood. Colonies have plenty of young bees. Due to cool, foggy weather in the central valleys some clustering has started.

Mid weather during November in most areas of the State made possible good beekeeping practices, including supplemental feeding for queen laying stimulation. Light rain has started grass, filaree, and other wild honey plants growing.

Only light movement of colonies was taking place at the end of November. During the month considerable numbers were moved to almond orchards. Others were moved to holding yards to be placed in almonds in the spring.

Very few if any plants were being worked for pollen or nectar in late November. Some blue curl, tarweed, mustard, eucalyptus, rabbit brush, tamarisk, coral vine, and niscellaneous sources were worked earlier.

Rains had started plants to germinate. Early rains are an important factor in getting California honey plants into condition for spring growth but more rain will be needed soon in most sections. Frosty, foggy conditions in the central valleys at the end of the month slowed plant growth.

Southern California - (First half of November) Trade reports indicated this season has been a good one for sage, buckwheat, and clover but a poor one for alfalfa. One trade contact reported that he will be out of alfalfa by the first of the year. Demand from retail outlets was good and the market about steady. Export trading was reported to be

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Continued)

Southern California (First half of November) (Continued)only fair. One contact, active in the export market, reported export trading slow because of the lack of suitable honey rather than supplies in the German market or potential Argentine crops.

Southern California - (last half of November) Demand was good. The market for alfalfa honey was stronger while other classes were about steady. Export trading was moderate.

Northern and Central California (First half of November) Beekeeper offerings continued fairly heavy. Packers were taking additional lots as the heavy stocks acquired earlier cleared. Much of the buying was in lighter colored honeys. Movement to retail outlets was good but a little lighter than earlier. Export trading eased but inquiries continued to be received. Movement to commercial outlets was steady.

Northern and Central California (Last half of November) Beekeeper offerings continued large and met only moderate interest from packers. Most packers reported fairly large inventories with purchases mostly for fill in needs. Demand from retail outlets was good and from commercial outlets steady. Export interest has slackened from earlier in the season but inquiries continued to be received.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES

Oregon - Retail sales were continuing good with most large lots cleaned up. Demand for baking honey, especially the darker grade, also continue excellent. Colony conditions were good with mostly adequate winter stores from fireweed and alfalfa locations. Bees were either being packed or moved into winter quarters. Young bee populations appeared to be strong with excellent cluster strength although some areas were low on winter stores. Moisture had been about normal with the soil in good condition so that honey plants should also be in normal condition for winter.

Washington - No market conditions were reported. Colonies were reported to be in fine shape for the winter. Moisture conditions and plants looked good for the first time in several years with adequate top and bottom soil moisture just before freezing.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES

Colorado - Retail market sales were reported as being normal for this time of the year with sales adequate and prices about average. Bees were entering the winter in fair to good shape in strength and weight and were described as generally normal for this time of the season. Some snow and cold weather in October and also November assured honey plants of adequate moisture prior to next spring.

Montana - The retail sales demand was generally described as mostly good with occasional reports of fair. Bees were mostly packed for the winter. Honey supplies were mostly adequate although some late feeding was reported. Honey plants and moisture conditions were good with some areas reporting the weather a little colder than normal for this time of year.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES - (Continued)

Utah - Local sales were reported fair in some instances but were mainly good for most beekeepers. Occasional large sales were reported but most cooperatives were taking honey as they needed it. Colonies were mainly reported to be in good condition with only occasional reports of feeding necessary. Temperatures were normal to a little above normal and unless extremely cold weather were to set in the bees should winter well. Moisture appeared to be a little thin and honey plants generally were in poor condition.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES

Arizona - Information reported was very sketchy. No sales were reported but offerings were very light. One beekeeper placed most of his honey in storage under the government loan program. Colony conditions were reported as fair with beekeepers anticipating more than the usual loss of colonies during the winter resulting from a general lack of winter stores and some weak colonies. Recent rains had been beneficial to desert and road vegetation with considerable bloom reported in mustard plants.

Arkansas - Retail sales were reported as very good with packing house sales reported as only fair to poor. Bee populations were generally very strong even though the fall flow was reported to be very poor in most instances. Consequently stores were very low and some bees had to be fed and presumably will continue to be fed until the spring flow starts. Moisture appeared adequate. Clover and vetch honey plants were reported to be in fair condition.

Oklahoma - Retail sales were mostly good with some areas reporting some slowing in demand. Bee colonies were in good condition with occasional flights still being made. Some Dandelion were still blooming even though the Southwest area reported a 2 day freeze towards the end of the month. Moisture conditions were a little dry but there had been no damage to honey plants as a result of the lack of moisture.

Texas - The southern areas of the State reported a crop in the beeswax market apparently due to more than adequate supplies. Most of the balance of the State reported that the honey market had improved considerably since last month, even though temperatures continued mild. Chunk honey was still moving below par and some retailers believed this was due to price differentials. Also, some retailers (according to some beekeepers) appeared to have too high a markup in price on both extracted and comb honey. Colonies were in good condition and generally settling down for the winter months. Most beekeepers had completed colony work such as checking the stores and reducing their entrance heights. There had been scattered light rains but more was needed to place the soil in tip top shape for spring. Small winter grains and vetch looked good at this time with the later apparently on the scarce side again.

PLAINS STATES

Iowa - Demand for retail sales of honey appeared to be generally light Statewide. Retail prices were showing some advances to cover the additional cost for containers and labor. Where beekeepers had retained sufficient winter supplies for the bees they were generally in excellent condition with most colonies now wrapped and ready for winter. Honey plants were in good condition with some areas reporting no snow to date and with apparently plenty of moisture in the soil with only occasional minor exceptions.

Kansas - Market conditions were reported as being generally good to fair. Colonies were in good condition with some cold temperatures reported and only occasional warm afternoon cleansing flight's possible. Honey plants and moisture conditions were mostly good with some deficient areas occasionally noted. Chrysanthemums still remained in bloom.

Nebraska - The market was reported as being rather inactive with packers generally filled up on distressed price honey. One beekeeper reported that some packers were not using the price support program. Bee colonies were wintering well but in some instances a little light on winter stores and would need feeding. Most bee yards, however, were adequately supplied with winter feed and adequate with new brood. Moisture and plant condition were now normal since fall rains and some snows had helped the moisture situation.

North Dakota - Demand at the local level was reported good for extracted and comb honey. Commercial packers however, were showing only limited interest. The condition of the bees was generally reported good with broodnests heavy with honey and pollen and in good shape for the winter. Honey plants were normal for this time of year but the soil could use more moisture before the general freeze up.

South Dakota - The retail market continued strong for most honey except that under Government loan being held for higher market. Colonies were reported heavy in winter stores and with excellent clusters. One beekeeper reported three flights in November which would help his bees through the winter. Moisture conditions were slightly above normal in the Eastern part of the State with some rain and approximately four inches of snow.

CENTRAL STATES

Illinois - Retail sales were reported brisk for clover White honey as well as a good demand from bakeries for honey for Christmas cookies. Colony strength was reported very good with bees going into the winter with plenty of honey and pollen from an excellent fall flow. Honey plants and moisture conditions were very satisfactory with beekeepers optimistic for next season of supplies of field clover appeared numerous for next spring growth.

Indiana - Market conditions were reported very good with one beekeeper stating that sales were helped by recent articles promoting honey. Colonies were in excellent shape with adequate winter stores and clusters of new bees. Honey plants and moisture conditions were above average.

CENTRAL STATES

Michigan - Sales and demand at the local retail level were reported fairly active. Beeswax was down generally due to an inactive market. Colonies appeared to be generally very quiet since most flows have ended. Bees were generally heavy with stores and adequate new bee population. Moisture and honey plants were normal for this time of the year. Some areas reported that the ground was covered with snow.

Minnesota - Retail sales were generally very good although one beekeeper reported some inferior packs had been offered at special low prices. The wax market was reported by one beekeeper as declining. Colonies mostly were in good condition with excellent populations and adequate winter stores. The southern area reported the average late crop was about 60 pounds per colony and light amber in color. Some colonies were weakened by insecticides and beginning to show a lack of new population strength in some colonies. Moisture generally appeared adequate at the top level but subsoil is dry, some soaking rains would be beneficial.

Ohio - The retail market was reported weaker than a year ago with some honey sold below previous average market prices. Bees were going into the winter in mostly fair shape with some colonies heavy in bees and winter stores, while others were unusually light. Will need additional stores by the time of accelerated broodrearing in February and March. One beekeeper reported only a 25 percent surplus honey crop this summer. Moisture in some areas was heavy while in others moisture conditions were generally normal.

Wisconsin - Most local retail sales were reported as very good with one beekeeper reporting movement approximately 50 percent ahead of last years. Bulk sales were reported as generally slow. Colony conditions were apparently the best in years in many instances with hives filled with winter food supplies and with high populations of young bees. Several excellent days of flying weather enabled most beekeepers to finish preparing the colonies for winter. Moisture appeared good despite several mornings of 10 degree temperature. Very little snow was reported for the period.

NORTH EASTERN STATES

Connecticut - Local retail sales were reported good. Colony conditions were generally good and with sufficient winter honey and pollen stores. Honey plants and moisture conditions were also good.

Massachusetts - No market conditions were reported. Colony conditions were excellent with plenty of brood and more than adequate winter stores. Weather had been quite cold with light frost in the morning. One beekeeper stated that he expected this winter to be quite severe on the honey bee population. Honey plants were generally dormant with soil moisture conditions normal.

New Jersey - Local retail honey sales and demand were continuing good and beeswax selling well to local candlemakers. Bees were in excellent shape for the winter with adequate stores and strong clusters. Moisture had been ample before some freezing weather set in.

NORTH EASTERN STATES: (Continued)

New York - Market conditions were generally described as being fairly good to good with some beekeepers selling dark honey in the western area of the State at prices in line with some light Clover. Colony conditions were described as normal for this time of the year. With generally adequate stores and good clusters, most beekeepers were all packed in anticipation of the winter months. Honey plants and moisture conditions were about normal with plenty of moisture now after two dry months.

Pennsylvania - Honey sales were mostly reported good for this time of the season. Colonies appeared to be in good condition with adequate supplies of winter foods. With colder weather bees were very quiet and not flying except on warmer days. The fall flow was not as good as expected in some areas and these areas may have to revert to winter feeding. Moisture appeared generally adequate.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

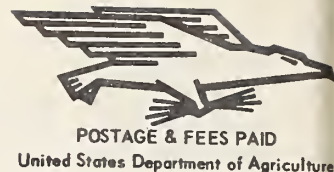
Maryland - Market conditions were reported as generally steady with most beekeepers supplies of honey either depleted or probably to be sold out within the next 2 months. Some expressed the opinion that the ban on artificial sweeteners may have increased sales early in November. Demand seemed to increase during the last 60 days. In most areas of the State colonies were in good condition with good clusters and adequate winter stores. In areas that were extremely dry, adverse conditions did affect the regular honey flow. However, colonies were able to recover because of later ideal conditions for nectar collection due to the prolonged bloom of fall flowers. Good moisture conditions before the fall freeze was indicative of beekeepers good expectations for a normal spring development of honey vegetation.

North Carolina - Retail honey sales were reported good and colonies mostly in fair condition for this time of year. Some were reported in rather light supply on winter stores and will have to be fed before spring. Several good cleansing flights occurred during the warmer portion of some days. Weather had been cold and freezing with very little previous rainfall and the ground appeared dry.

South Carolina - The market was reported about steady for this time of the year. Colony conditions were generally described as good with very little bee flying due to much cooler weather. Moisture appeared satisfactory.

Kentucky - Market conditions were generally described as only fair with one of the largest crops of honey in years. This condition together with some adverse weather and lack of consumer demand has curtailed roadside retail sales. Colonies were generally in good shape with mostly adequate stores and clusters with only a few reports to the contrary. Temperatures were generally cool and rainfall was light for the month of November with honey plants generally dormant.

Tennessee - Market conditions were very good with some beekeepers completely sold out of local honey. Colonies were mostly good except some late swarms that were light and will consequently need to be fed before spring. Honey plants and moisture were mostly normal for this time of the year with occasional exceptions.



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COLONY, HONEY PLANT AND MARKET CONDITIONS DURING NOVEMBER

SOUTHEASTERN STATES

Florida - No market conditions were reported. Most bees were reported to be going into the winter with adequate stores of honey and pollen. Most plants were dormant with the weather generally fairly dry.

Georgia - Weather has been quite varied in Georgia during November with temperatures slightly below normal. Bees were dormant, but some flying in South Georgia. Weather has been mostly dry during the month with no fires to date. Cool weather has helped slow down bee activities and maintain good stores of food. Carryover of stores better than

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: (Continued)

Georgia - (Continued) last year this time. Colonies generally in good condition. Only light feeding has been necessary in areas where insecticides killed off bees last summer. Practically no honey in beekeepers' hands.

Louisiana - Market conditions were generally reported to be fair. Colony conditions were good with approximately 30-40 pounds of winter stores per colony. Honey plants and moisture conditions were good.



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Demand for bulk honey was reported slow, however, demand at the retail level was quite active.

Colony stores for winter needs appeared adequate in most areas. Bees generally were reported wintering well with only small population losses.

Soil moisture was reported adequate in most areas with honey plant conditions normal for this time of year.

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HONEY PRICES REPORTED DURING DECEMBER

These prices represent sales as reported by correspondent beekeepers and honey handlers. Because of the many thousands of beekeepers and handlers in the country, these should be considered as representative prices and not as full complete coverage of all transactions for any State or area.

PRODUCER'S SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN 60-LB. CANS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER LB.

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE			1/	:PRICES & BASIS:	2/	:	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE			1/	:PRICES & BASIS:	2/	:	
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA							TEXAS							
Extra White Sage (new cans)			15¢	f.o.b.			Light Amber				15¢	del.		
Extra White Sage (large lot)			15¢	del.			OKLAHOMA							
White Sage (new cans) mostly			14-15¢	f.o.b.			Light Amber				15¢	f.o.b.		
Extra White Orange (cans furnished)			14¢	del.			SOUTH DAKOTA							
Extra White Orange (large lot)			15¢	del.			Water White to White Sweet Alfalfa							
Light Amber Buckwheat (new cans)			12¢	del.			and Alfalfa				16-16½¢	f.o.b.		
Light Amber Buckwheat (medium lot)			12¢	del.			IOWA							
Light Amber Mixed Flower (new cans)			11½¢	del.			Extra White Alfalfa Clover				14½¢	f.o.b.		
White Blue Curl (new cans)			11½¢	del.			KANSAS							
Light Amber Alfalfa-Bean (new cans)			11½¢	del.			Extra Light Amber Alfalfa Clover				16¢	f.o.b.		
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA							WISCONSIN							
White Orange			14½¢	del.			White Clover				14½¢	del.		
White Orange (container returned)			13-14¢	del.			MINNESOTA							
White Sage			14¢	del.			White Honey				13¢	f.o.b.		
Light Amber to Extra Light Amber							INDIANA							
Sage-Buckwheat			13-14¢	del.			Light Amber Clover				14-15¢	del.		
Extra Light Amber or Better Sage-							ILLINOIS							
Buckwheat			14¢	f.o.b.			Light Amber to White Clover				14-16¢	del.		
Light Amber to Extra Light Amber							OHIO							
Buckwheat			14¢	del.			White Clover				14½-15¢	del.		
Extra Light Amber Sage-Buckwheat			13¢	f.o.b.			Dark Fall Nectar				12¢	f.o.b.		
Light Amber Alfalfa (cans returned)			12½-13¢	del.			NEW YORK							
Light Amber Alfalfa(few small lots)			12½-13¢	del.			White Clover Basswood				14½¢	f.o.b.		
OREGON														
Water White Fireweed			14¢	del.										
White Alfalfa Clover			14¢	del.										
COLORADO														
White Alfalfa Sweet Clover			16¢	f.o.b.										
IDAHO							See Footnotes on Page 4							
Sweet Clover Alfalfa White to Extra														
White			14¢	f.o.b.										

See Footnotes on Page 4

PRODUCER-PACKER OR PACKER SALES OF HONEY TO WHOLESALERS, RETAILERS & CONSUMERS

STATE	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		:(Generally Delivered):(Generally Delivered):(Local Sales)		
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 60-LB. CANS PER LB.</u>				
OREG.	Water White Fireweed	-	-	20¢
	White Alfalfa Clover	-	-	20¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	20¢
	Light Amber Alfalfa Mixed	12½¢	-	-
TEXAS	Light Amber	15¢	-	16¢
	White Clover Cotton	-	-	21¢
OKLA.	Light Amber Clover Alfalfa	-	19¢	-
	Light Amber	15¢	-	15¢
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Alfalfa and Alfalfa	16¢	18¢	20¢
IOWA	Extra White Alfalfa Clover	-	-	23 1/3¢
	Light Clover	-	-	21¢
KANSAS	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa Clover	-	-	19½¢
WISC.	White Clover	20¢	-	-
MINN.	White Honey	-	-	23¢
	White or Better Clover-Alfalfa	-	-	20-24¢
ILL.	Light Amber to White Clover	18-20¢	-	-
	Light Mixed	-	-	18¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	17¢	-
	Dark Fall Nectar	-	20¢	-
N.Y.	Dark Goldenrod - Mixed Flower	-	-	20¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark Honey	15-18¢	-	-
FLA.	Light Amber Tupelo	-	-	30¢
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 5-LB. JARS PER LB.</u>				
OREG.	Water White Fireweed	-	-	25¢
	White Alfalfa Clover	-	-	25¢
COLO.	White Alfalfa Sweet Clover	-	-	30¢
OKLA.	Light Amber Clover Alfalfa	-	23¢	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Alfalfa and Alfalfa	18-20¢	22¢	28¢
IOWA	Extra White Alfalfa Clover	-	-	33¢
KANS.	Extra Light Amber Alfalfa Clover	-	-	30¢
WISC.	White Clover	24¢	21¢	20-27¢
MINN.	White or Better Clover-Alfalfa	-	-	28-30¢
	White Clover Alfalfa	-	21½¢	31¢
OHIO	White Clover	-	23¢	30¢
ILL.	Light Mixed	-	-	25¢
N.Y.	Dark Goldenrod-Mixed Flowers	-	-	30¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	29¢	27¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark Honey	25¢	-	-
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 12, 2-LB. JARS</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
COLO.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.20	-
OKLA.	Light Amber Clover Alfalfa	-	6.25	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Alfalfa and Alfalfa	6.70	7.00	70¢
IOWA	Extra White Alfalfa Clover	-	-	85¢
WISC.	White Clover	6.60	6.00	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover-Alfalfa	-	7.65	79-85¢
	White Clover Alfalfa	-	6.90	73¢
	White Clover	-	6.54	-
ILL.	Light Mixed	-	6.07	-
OHIO	White Clover	-	6.90	-
	Dark Goldenrod-Mixed Flower	-	7.18	79¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	7.80	85¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark Honey	7.30	-	-
FLA.	Light Amber Tupelo	9.00	9.35	95¢
<u>EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS</u>				
		<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Case</u>	<u>Per Jar</u>
COLO.	Extra White Alfalfa and Clover	-	7.80	-
OKLA.	Light Amber Clover Alfalfa	-	6.25	-
S.DAK.	Water White to White Sweet Alfalfa and Alfalfa	7.00	7.50	38¢
IOWA	Extra White Alfalfa Clover	-	-	50¢
WISC.	White Clover	7.08	7.00	-

STATE :	TYPE OF HONEY CONTAINERS, COLOR, AND FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u>	Sales to		
		WHOLESALE	RETAILERS	CONSUMERS
		:(Generally Delivered):(Generally Delivered):(Local Sales)		
EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 1-LB. JARS (Continued)		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
MINN.	White or Better Clover and Alfalfa	-	7.85	44-49¢
	White Clover Alfalfa	-	7.35	41¢
	Amber Buckwheat	-	7.44	-
ILL.	Light Amber to White Clover	7.00-7.50	-	-
	Light Mixed	-	6.50	-
OHIO	White Clover	-	7.20	-
N.Y.	Dark Goldenrod-Mixed Flowers	-	7.25	49¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	8.40	45¢
MD.	White to Extra Light Amber Clover-			
	Basswood-Locust	-	9.60	49¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark Honey	7.50	-	-
FLA.	Light Amber Tupelo	9.50	9.85	50¢
EXTRACTED HONEY 24, 8-OZ. JARS		Per Case	Per Case	Per Jar
COLO.	Extra White Alfalfa Clover	-	5.00	-
IOWA	Extra White Alfalfa Clover	-	-	30¢
WISC.	White Clover	4.50	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover-Alfalfa	-	7.00	37-39¢
	White Clover Alfalfa	-	4.60	25¢
ILL.	Light Amber to White Clover	6.00-7.20-	-	-
OHIO	White Clover	-	4.20	-
N.Y.	Dark Goldenrod-Mixed Flowers	-	4.52	30¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed	-	5.00	28¢
FLA.	Light Amber Tupelo	5.56	6.00	30¢
SECTION COMB 24s UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED				
IOWA	Extra White Alfalfa Clover 14-oz.	-	-	45¢
WISC.	White Clover 24-oz.	14.40	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover Alfalfa 12-oz.	-	11.00	59-69¢
	White Clover Alfalfa 12-oz.	-	12.40	69¢
OHIO	White Clover 12-oz.	-	10.80	59¢
PA.	Light Amber Clover Mixed 12-oz.	-	10.80	60¢
MD.	White to Extra Light Amber Clover-			
	Basswood-Locust 14-oz.	10.80	12.00	60¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark Honey 12-oz.	10.56	-	-
BULK COMB CHUNK PACK				
MINN.	White or Better Clover Alfalfa 24 1-lb.	-	11.00	59-69¢
MD.	White to Extra Light Amber Clover-			
	Basswood-Locust 24, 1-lb.	10.56	11.56	55¢
W.VA.	Light Amber and Dark Honey 24, 1-lb.	9.00	-	-
CREAMED HONEY				
WISC.	White Clover 1-lb.	3.80	-	-
MINN.	White or Better Clover-Alfalfa 10-oz.	-	6.30	39-41¢
	White Clover Alfalfa 24, 10-oz.	-	5.40	29¢
	White Clover 14-oz.	-	7.44	-

PRODUCER' SALES LARGE LOTS EXTRACTED HONEY TO BOTTLERS IN DRUMS PER POUND

STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u> :		PRICES & BASIS :	STATE, COLOR & FLORAL SOURCE <u>1/</u> :		PRICES & BASIS :
		OF SALE 2/ :			OF SALE 2/ :
MONTANA			MINNESOTA		
	White to Water White Clover and alfalfa	14¢ del.		Light White Basswood Sweet Clover	15½¢ del.
				Amber Buckwheat	13¢ del.
NEVADA	White Alfalfa Clover	14¢ del.		White Clover	16¢ f.o.b.
TEXAS	Light Amber	14¢ f.o.b.		INDIANA	
				Light Amber Clover	14¢ del.
OKLAHOMA	Light Amber	14¢ f.o.b.		FLORIDA	
				Light Amber Tupelo	25¢ del.
SOUTH DAKOTA	Water White to White Sweet Alfalfa and Alfalfa	16¢ f.o.b.		Titi Amber	12¢ del.
NEBRASKA	White Sweet Clover	15¢ f.o.b.	See Footnotes on Page 4		
WISCONSIN	White Clover (Container Returned)	14½¢			

SALES OF BEESWAX PER POUND

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STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS: : OF SALE 2/ :	STATE AND COLOR	:PRICES & BASIS : OF SALE 2/ :
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA		OHIO	
Beeswax	65¢ f.o.b.	Light	59¢ del.
COLORADO		Light	67¢ del.
Light to Dark	52-55¢ f.o.b.	NEW YORK	
Light	70¢ f.o.b.	Yellow	72¢ del.
MONTANA		MARYLAND	
White	64¢ del.	Lemon Yellow	50¢ f.o.b.
Light	68¢ del.	VIRGINIA	
Average	59¢ del.	Light	55¢ del.
TEXAS		dark	52¢ del.
Yellow	53-56¢ del.	KENTUCKY	
ARIZONA		Dark	52¢ del.
Yellow	66¢ del.	Yellow	55¢ del.
OKLAHOMA		FLORIDA	
Yellow	53-56¢ del.	Light	68¢ del.
NORTH DAKOTA			
Lemon Yellow	55¢ del.		
SOUTH DAKOTA			
Lemon Yellow	66-68¢ del.		
WISCONSIN			
Light	55-59¢ del.		
MINNESOTA			
Light Yellow	72¢ f.o.b.		

FOOTNOTES FOR PAGES 1-4

1/ State or origin indicates States where packed, not necessarily where produced. The term "clover" includes most legumes such as white dutch clover, yellow, white, sweet clover and occasionally such legumes as alfalfa and vetch mixed with other clover.

2/ Producer furnishes containers unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: F.o.b. as used in the foregoing means f.o.b. shipping point; Del. means delivered to receiving or distribution points.

Market prices (sales or quotations as indicated under each city) shown below were obtained from local brokers, packagers, wholesalers, and other receivers in the respective cities. Current quotations are shown for markets where sales for the period could not be obtained. Sales are usually subject to a one percent (1%) discount if payment is made within ten days. Comments on market conditions reflect the opinion of the local trade for the month of December. Sixty pound cans are on a per pound basis and smaller units of honey are on a per case basis unless otherwise stated: Beeswax prices are per pound.

BOSTON: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals 114,000 lbs. domestic White Clover. Sales to wholesalers, chains and retailers--

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	8.20-8.30
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.42-4.55
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50
		Few Best Marks	7.50-7.90
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars 1 Mark	3.65-4.35
		1 Mark	4.65-4.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.35

CREAMED

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Colored Bowls	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.50

CHICAGO: Demand moderate. Market about steady.

Brokers and packers sales to wholesalers and other users--

EXTRACTED: Per lb. Nebr, Minn. & South Dakota 60-lb. Drums White Clover and Light Mixed 18¢ Filtered 5-gallon plastic Containers Minn. and South Dakota White Clover 22½¢

6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.65
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.40
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.20
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.45
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.70
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.90-7.05
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.60-4.10

CREAMED

12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20-3.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.30-4.55
12,	16-oz.	Jars	4.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.10

CINCINNATI: Demand moderate. Market steady.

Arrivals 48,855 lbs. Brokers' sales to wholesalers and large retailers 16-lb. tins 18¢ Light Amber 16¢.

EXTRACTED:

6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.85
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	3.45-7.30

Plastic Creamed Honey

12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.50
12,	1-lb.	Colored Bowls	4.55
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.75
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.30

Plastic Squeeze--

12,	1-lb.	Honey With Comb	4.95
12,	10-oz.	Cut Comb	4.75
6,	2-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.50
6,	2½-lb.	Deluxe Jar	4.75
12,	12-oz.	Deluxe Jar	3.35
12,	24-oz.	Deluxe Jar	6.25
12,	10-oz.	Decanter Jar	5.10

DENVER: Demand fair. Supplies adequate. Market steady. Brokers' sales to retailers--

COLO.-Nebr.-New Mexico 60-lb. tins Light Amber 17¢ White 20¢

EXTRACTED:

6,	14-oz.	Jars	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.50
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	3.50

DETROIT: Demand good. Market firm. Arrivals

154,504 lbs. domestic. Brokers and packers' sales to retailers and wholesalers mixed flowers mostly White Clover--

EXTRACTED

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.45
6,	3½-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	3-lb.	Jars	8.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20-6.30
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.90
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.00-4.10
12,	12-oz.	Plastic	3.35-4.00
12,	1-lb.	Whipped	4.10
12,	1-lb.	Creamed	4.55

LOS ANGELES: Market steady. Honey packer whole-sale list prices, delivered California and nearby "States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED Straight Flavors: White or better orange, sage and clover according to quality--

6,	5-lb.	Cans	7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Server Jar	5.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Plastic Squeeze Bottles

12,	12-oz.	Bottle	4.20-4.35
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Blended Flavors--

Extra Light Amber

6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.20
12,	24-oz.	Jars	4.10
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.35
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.40

CREAMED HONEY-- White Orange Clover

According to Quality--

12,	1-lb.	Bowl	4.65
12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.70
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.70

Blended Flavors--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.25
		Chunk Pack (Bulk Comb) Honey Clover Sage--	
12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.60
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.75

LOS ANGELES: (Continued)

Clover White - Sections			
12,	9-oz.	Sections	6.50
Safflower Straight Flavor Light Amber			
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.30
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.00

MINNEAPOLIS: Demand slow. Market dull to weaker.

Producer sales to brokers' delivered Minneapolis by truck. Minnesota White Sweet Clover 30, 55-gallon drums, 150 60-lb. at 13½¢ per lb. no container Exc. Light Amber Mixed Flowers 100, 60-lb. at 11½¢ no container exchanged. Beeswax 250-lb. Cash 45¢ Trade 47¢.

Sales to jobbers and chains f.o.b. Minneapolis Minnesota or U.S. Grade A Fancy--

24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.20
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Jars	3.35
12,	1½-lb.	Plastic Jars	5.35
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	11-oz.	Glass Mugs Liquid	3.55
6,	3-lb.	Plastic Jars	4.55
12,	12-oz.	Novelty Squeeze Bottle	3.75
CREAMED			
6,	2-lb.	Cups Spread	4.15
24,	10-oz.	Cups Spread	3.00
CUT COMB--			
12,	11½-oz.	Packages	5.35

NEW YORK: Demand fair. Market firm. Arrivals by boat in bags-- Brazil 58, Chile 200; in cartons-- Greece 200; in cases-- England 245, Hdland 100, New Zealand 120, Germany 930.

Importers' wholesalers sales to trade bakers and large users per lb.

MEXICO EX DOCK Tins 16½-17¢ Drums 15¢
 ARGENTINA EX DOCK 16½-16 3/4¢
 NEW YORK Buckwheat 23-24¢ Light Amber 18½-19½¢
 MID WEST White Clover Alfalfa 17-19½¢
 Blended Buckwheat 18½¢ Light Amber 18½¢
 BAKERS Light Amber and Clover Blended 17½-18½¢
 FLORIDA Orange 19-20½¢

Processed Packages and bakers sales to whole-
 salers and retailers--

White Clover Fancy Jars			
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Honey Spread Colored	
		Bowl	4.55
6,	2-lb. 8-oz.	Jars	4.75
Extra Amber Jars--			
6,	5-lb.	Jars	7.13-7.55
6,	5-lb.	Tins	7.61
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.52-4.35
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.50-7.15
24,	1-lb.	Jars	6.80-7.15
24,	1-lb.	Tins	7.05
4,	5-lb.	Jars	5.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	3.93-4.30

BEESWAX - Arrivals by boat in blocks--West Africa 104; in bags-- Dominican Republic 189; in cases France 7; in pails-- Mexico 500; in drums Mexico 125. EX DOCK Per lb. Actual sales and offerings to dealers, refiners and importers

AFRICA 72-74¢ Some High As 83¢ MEXICO 78-80¢

SANTA DOMINGO 74-76¢ Some High As 79¢ CHILE

78-80¢ HAITI 70-74¢ BRAZIL 78-80¢

PHILADELPHIA: Demand good. Market steady. Arrivals by rail and truck domestic 186,380 lbs. Sales by repackers to retailers, chains, bakers and other large users.

EXTRACTED: Domestic Drums and 60-lb. Tins per			
1b. White Clover	Extra Light	18½¢	Amber 17½¢
6,	2-lb.	Jars	3.15-3.25
6,	3-lb.	Jars	4.80-4.90
6,	5-lb.	Jars	6.85-6.95
6,	8-3/4-lb.	Tins	11.00-11.10
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.30-2.40
12,	16-oz.	Jars	3.30-3.40
12,	2-lb.	Jars	9.05-9.15
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.10-4.20
24,	16-oz.	Jars	6.45-6.55

PITTSBURGH: Demand good. Market about steady.

Arrivals by truck mostly Midwestern 51,786 lbs.

Brokers' sales to large wholesalers and large retailers' outlets. Clover and Light Amber

EXTRACTED:			
6,	2-lb.	Jars	4.75
6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.65
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
24,	8-oz.	Jars	5.00
CREAMED HONEY--			
24,	8-oz.	Jars	5.00
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.55

PORTLAND: Demand good. Market about steady.

Supplies adequate. Sales to wholesalers, chains and large buyers.

EXTRACTED			
60-lb. Tins Per Cwt.			17.45
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.30-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	5.95
12,	8-oz.	Clover	2.70
12,	12-oz.	Clover	3.20-3.70
12,	16-oz.	Clover	4.65
12,	24-oz.	Clover & Fireweed	6.55
Idaho & Montana Sage--			
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.25-4.65
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Clover & Fireweed	8.80
6,	3-lb.	Clover	5.00
6,	3-lb.	Clover Sage	5.00
12,	1-lb.	Comb in Jar	5.75
Oregon Clover-Fireweed--			
12,	10-oz.	Creamed Cup	2.45-2.85
12,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	3.70
24,	12-oz.	Creamed Cup	6.60
12,	12-oz.	Squeeze Bottle	4.35

SAN FRANCISCO: Market steady. Honey packer whole-sale list prices, delivered California and nearby States. Honey by type and container (Subject to various trade and promotional discounts)

EXTRACTED: Straight Flavors: White or better orange, sage and clover according to quality--			
6,	5-lb.	Cans	6.76-7.56
12,	2½-lb.	Cans	8.43
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.43-7.02
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.20-4.99
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.73-3.97
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.65-2.90
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	
		Bottles	4.29

SAN FRANCISCO: (Continued)

Blended Flavors: Extra Light Amber--			
6,	5-lb.	Cans	5.94-6.76
12,	2-lb.	Jars	6.00-6.25
12,	24-oz.	Jars	5.21-6.43
12,	1-lb.	Jars	3.50-4.68
12,	12-oz.	Jars	2.84
12,	8-oz.	Jars	2.71
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	
		Bottles	4.67-4.68

CREAMED: White orange-clover, according to quality--

12,	12-oz.	Cups	3.69-3.97
24,	12-oz.	Jars (Spun)	7.88

CHUNK PACK (Bulk Comb) Clover-Sage--

12,	8-oz.	Jars	3.56-3.87
12,	1-lb.	Jars	5.83-6.17

Various Blends: Mostly light amber alfalfa mixtures; according to quality and quantity purchased, delivered industrial users 60-lb. cans and drums (containers returned) per pound.

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SEATTLE: (Continued)

Orange and Sage--			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
Orange			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
Apples--			
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.60
Creamed			
12,	20-oz.	Plastic Squeeze Bottle	4.65
12,	20-oz.	Plastic Cups	4.95
12,	1½-lb.	Jars Spun	6.25-6.75
12,	12-oz.	Bottles	3.25
24,	16-oz.	Cups Spun	8.20
24,	12-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
		Honey	6.60
12,	10-oz.	Cups With Cinnamon	
		Honey	3.25
24,	10-oz.	Cups	6.00-6.30
		Comb Honey Clover U.S.One--	
12,	12-oz.	Packages	5.75

ST. LOUIS: Demand moderate. Market steady.

Brokers' sales to bakers

EXTRACTED: Per lb. Amber 17¢ White Clover 19¢
Wholesalers sales to chains and large retailers

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.25
12,	3-lb.	Jars	9.50
6,	2½-lb.	Jars	4.75
12,	24-oz.	Jars	6.00-6.25
24,	1-lb.	Jars	7.75
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Jars	3.50
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Squeeze	4.35
12,	12-oz.	Creamed	4.55
12,	1-lb.	Creamed Glass	4.55
24,	11-oz.	Comb	9.00-10.00

SEATTLE: Demand fair to moderate. Market steady.

Sales to wholesalers and other large buyers of Clover and Alfalfa Light Amber or better unless otherwise stated--

EXTRACTED

12,	5-lb.	Tins	14.40
12,	4-lb.	Tins	10.90
6,	5-lb.	Tins	6.00-7.70
6,	4-lb.	Tins	6.50
12,	2½-lb.	Tins	7.50-7.70
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40-6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	3.75-4.65
24,	12-oz.	Jars	6.75
24,	8-oz.	Jars	4.95-5.25
12,	12-oz.	Plastic Bottles	4.15-4.35

Fireweed--

6,	4-lb.	Jars	6.50
12,	2-lb.	Jars	7.50
12,	1-lb.	Jars	4.50
12,	1½-lb.	Jars	6.40
24,	1-lb.	Jars	8.00

CALIFORNIA POINTS:

Weather for All California Districts during the first half of December - Average temperatures were 3 to 6 degrees above normal in the mountain and desert regions and on the south coast early in the period. Cooler temperatures occurred toward mid-month. Much of the central valley was 2 to 4 degrees below normal, with warm days but minimums near freezing except in areas with extensive yule fog. Scattered showers occurred at several southern mountain and desert locations early in the month and by midmonth a heavy winter storm lashed the north state with rain and gale force winds. Snow fell at higher elevations in the Sierras.

Weather for All California Districts during the last half of December - Average temperatures were much above normal throughout the State. Positive departures were 4 to 8 degrees in the central valley and 8 to 12 degrees in the Sierra Nevadas and the high desert. There was rain most days in the northern third of the State. Light rainfall reached Southern California on the 22nd.

Bee and Plant Condition for All California Districts - Colonies generally were reported in good condition. A few beekeepers have or expected to do some supplemental feeding. Colonies generally have plenty of young bees. Rainfall during the month brought needed moisture to most areas of the State. Reports from Southern California indicate very little rain to date and more needed. In some places annuals were beginning to suffer. Some colonies have been moved to almond orchards and a large number from Imperial Valley into San Diego County; also some from Utah into eastern San Bernardino County. Very few plants were being worked for pollen or nectar. These include eucalyptus, manzanita, madrone, and some old mustard. One area reports some mistletoe being worked for pollen.

Northern and Central California (First half of December) Beekeeper offerings continued fairly heavy and included honey of most floral sources and colors. Dealer purchases were moderate. Most were adequately supplied and purchases during the period were mostly for fill-in needs. Demand from retail outlets was good to very good and from commercial outlets normal. Export trading was light but inquiries continue to be received.

Northern and Central California (Last half of December) Beekeeper offerings continued fairly heavy and included honey of many floral sources. Dealer purchases were moderate. Demand from retail outlets was good and from commercial outlets normal. Export trading was light.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES

Oregon - Local retail sales were continuing very good with packers taking most of the bulk crop. Colonies were reported in good condition with apparent adequate stores and better than average clusters. Several days of warm weather gave bees an opportunity to perform needed cleansing flights and gather nectar and pollen from winter blooming ornamental and annual honey plants, although not in any volume. Moisture was reported adequate with considerable rain the last two weeks in December. Snow was beginning to accumulate in the mountains. Hairy vetch and crimson clover stands were noted from some late fall plantings. Slugs and other soil pests did not seem to be the problem they were last season, when some acreage was destroyed.

NORTH PACIFIC STATES: (Continued)

Washington - West of the Cascades temperatures and moisture were above normal for the month. Snow prevailed at higher elevations. Colonies were generally in good condition and did not use much stores. Mild weather permitted some flights.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES

Colorado - Local retail sales mainly were reported good but overall inquiries from wholesalers generally were lacking. Some producers had honey under loan with the government support programs with hopes of improving prices after the new year. Bees generally were reported in excellent condition with adequate honey and pollen stores and clusters generally acceptable. Moisture was reported lacking, and with the soil becoming very dry honey plants were affected.

Idaho - Market conditions were reported very quiet. Colonies were reported in good condition with adequate winter stores. Moisture conditions were reported as being very dry with prospects of a definite decline in Sweet Clover plants for the 1970 season.

Montana - Demand at the local retail level was reported to be generally very good for some beekeepers while others reported they had had little or no sales with a greater than the usual amount of honey going under government loan. Colonies apparently were in excellent condition. Winter weather to the end of December had been open and mild. Colonies were reported fairly heavy in population and mild weather covering most of the State helped conserve stores. Mild weather also allowed frequent cleansing flights. Soil moisture was reported lacking with honey plants badly in need of moisture. Snowfall had been very light.

Nevada - Demand for honey had improved at the retail level with prices higher for one pound jars. Bulk sales were slow with about 20 percent of the 1969 crop still in the beekeepers hands. Colonies mostly were dormant over the entire State except in the extreme southern end of Clark County. Most colonies were heavy with population and clusters normal this time of year. Moisture had improved over much of northern Nevada with rainfall of one to two inches and 12-30 inches of snow in the Sierra Mountain range.

Utah - Demand generally was slow in the northern area with only one cooperative accepting honey during the month of December. Clusters were reported generally light with one beekeeper stating, "he thought that the bees in his areas might have been affected by heavy spraying by insecticides." Moisture conditions were reported just about normal with very little snow on the ground.

Wyoming - Retail sales were about normal in the northeast section with supplies from local producers fairly well cleaned up. Bees were able to make many cleansing flights in the past 30 days. Honey plants and moisture conditions were about normal for this time of the year.

SOUTHWESTERN STATES

Arizona - Demand for honey generally was reported slow. Hives were reported weak over most of the State apparently due to intensive pesticide spray that reduced the number of colonies in the State approximately 50 percent. Mild days had permitted some bees to work the honey plants for nectar. Mustard was in bloom along roadsides and in some fields the later part of December. Rainfall for the 1969 season was about average with honey plants generally in about average condition.

Arkansas - Retail demand was reported generally fair to good and with packer demand slow to poor. Bee populations mostly were very strong even though the fall flow in most instances was reported poor. Stores were very low and bees had to be fed and presumably will continue to be fed until the spring flow starts. Soil moisture was good with honey plants about average for this time of the year.

Oklahoma - Retail sales mostly were reported good with occasional areas reporting a fair demand. Colonies mostly were in good condition with fine clusters and adequate winter stores. Some cleansing flights were being made the later part of December when the weather reached 60 degrees for two days. Some beekeepers, however, were going into the winter with light stores and generally very poor colony conditions. Soil moisture was reported very poor to the end of December. No damage to honey plants reported as yet.

Texas - Demand was reported steady with no noticeable drop in movement because of the holidays. Bees were inactive with limited flights on some days but with no real cold weather reported until the end of December. A good rain would be most welcome as some areas were reported dry. Honey plants, outside of vetch, were not showing yet.

PLAINS STATES

Iowa - Local retail sales in most areas were reported good. However, little interest was reported for bulk honey. Colonies mostly were considered in good condition except one beekeeper in the western area reported heavy feeding was necessary to get his bees into good winter condition, as 25 percent of his colonies were killed by heavy insecticide spraying. Moisture conditions were adequate with some light snow cover. Honey plants were expected to be in good condition for spring.

Kansas - Local retail sales were reported very active but with a generally inactive bulk market. Bees were reported wintering well with good stores of honey and pollen with no population loss reported to the end of December. Honey plants mostly were considered to be in good condition, but legume acreage was down. Occasional snow and precipitation assured spring honey plants of adequate moisture.

Nebraska - Retail demand for local honey was very good. Packers of bulk extracted honey were mostly filled with supplies and were not active, but considered normal for this time of the season. Colony conditions mostly were reported good with occasional colonies receiving supplemental feeding. Honey plants were in normal condition for this time of the year. Soil moisture conditions were reported generally good.

PLAINS STATES (Continued)

North Dakota - Retail sales were reported somewhat slower than for this same period last season. Some slight interest was being shown in water white honey. Colonies went into winter with good strength and adequate stores. Soil moisture was reported below normal with snow cover needed to protect honey plants through the winter.

South Dakota - Sales at the retail level were considered more active than for the same period last season. Colony strength was reported normal to strong with heavy clusters and medium to heavy winter stores. Soil moisture was normal. Weather during December was considered mild with bees making occasional cleansing flights early in the month.

CENTRAL STATES

Illinois - Demand at the retail level was reported good, however, before the holiday season slowed some. Generally, colonies were reported in good condition with heavy clusters and adequate winter stores. So far, winter was generally mild. Some beekeepers reported that vandalism had resulted in considerable colony loss. The eastern central section reported that farmers still were plowing late. Honey plants were reported very scarce with most beekeepers relying on diverted acreage and Red Clover for future nectar. Moisture was adequate.

Indiana - Local retail demand was reported steady with some producers holding and hoping for better prices in the new year. Colonies appeared to be going into the winter in strong condition, with ample stores. Soil moisture was more than adequate.

Michigan - The retail market was fairly active. Bees were mostly dormant and not showing activity. The weather had been fairly cold with most of the State covered with snow.

Minnesota - Local market conditions were reported steady with generally good retail movement. Colonies were considered to be in fine condition with good brood and adequate winter stores. Honey plants mostly were dormant and had adequate soil moisture.

Ohio - Local retail sales were reported about normal compared with other years. Most colonies were wintering well with rather mild winter temperatures. In most areas colonies went into winter with fairly heavy stores. Moisture was reported about average with some snow ground cover.

Wisconsin - Local demand was reported very good. Bees apparently were wintering very well due to mostly mild weather. About a foot of snow covered most of the State at the end of December. On warmer afternoons some bees were able to make cleansing flights. Honey plants and soil moisture conditions were reported mainly in fine condition.

NORTHEASTERN STATES

Connecticut - Local retail demand was reported good. Colony conditions were reported good with heavy clusters and adequate winter stores. Honey plants were normal and soil moisture was adequate.

NORTHEASTERN STATES

New Jersey - Demand at the retail level mainly was reported above normal. Bees were reported to be in excellent condition with adequate winter stores. Some beekeepers noted vandalism by small game and deer hunters. Soil moisture was above normal.

New York - Retail sales were reported very good with prospects for an early cleanup. Colonies mostly were all packed for winter and in excellent condition except some areas will need feeding before spring. Soil moisture and honey plant conditions were normal for this time of year.

Pennsylvania - Retail sales and demand were reported good with the colder weather apparently helping sales. Colonies were in good condition with some occasional hives requiring light feeding, with prospects that others may need additional feeding by early spring. Moisture conditions were good because the last two weeks of December most of the State was covered with snow and helped soil moisture build up.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES

Kentucky - Market conditions were reported fair to slow with adequate honey supplies in the producers hands. Colony conditions mainly were good with some weak colonies requiring feeding. The weather had been very mild to the end of December **with bees making** frequent cleansing flights. Soil moisture was considered adequate for this time of the year.

Maryland - Movement of honey at all levels was reported excellent with demand above normal and most stocks depleted. Colonies over most of the State began the winter season in fine condition. Some additional cleansing flights would be beneficial in addition to the one around December 15. Soil moisture accumulations were continuing to increase over most of the State and should be of benefit to honey plants in the spring.

South Carolina - Market conditions were reported as steady. Most bees were inactive due to cold weather. Honey plants and soil moisture conditions were reported normal.

Tennessee - Demand for honey was reported about normal for this season of the year. Colonies appeared in good condition, with generally fair winter stores. Some cleansing flights occurred during the month because of warm weather. Soil moisture and honey plant conditions were normal.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES (Continued)

Virginia - Demand for honey was good prior to the Christmas holidays but rather slow the last week in December. The weather had been cold and bees had not been able to make cleansing flights for some time. However, bees generally appeared to be in good condition. Additional soil moisture would benefit honey plants.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES

Florida - Retail movement was reported at least equal and probably up slightly from the corresponding period last year. Colonies were reported in good condition with adequate winter stores. Honey plants mostly were dormant with soil moisture conditions improved from earlier in the month.

Georgia - Weather in Georgia was about normal for December, but South Georgia needed some rain. Bees were generally dormant throughout the State, although there were a few flights in South Georgia where Red Bud Maple started blooming about December 20. Colonies generally were in normal or slightly above normal conditions for December both in stores and bees.

In a few instances in South Georgia colonies were reported lacking population due to warm weather flights in which bees died from contact with insecticides, even though colony stores were good. Very little feeding had been necessary during December.

Beeswax prices were reported slightly lower at 55-60 cents for light color.

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